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# Typhoon Francisco intensifies

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## » Tropical storm watch remains in effect

Tropical Storm Francisco intensified into a typhoon and is expected to slowly pass west of the Marianas today. A tropical storm watch remains in effect for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

National Weather Service meteorologist-in-charge Genevieve Cruz-Miller told *Saipan Tribune* that, although Francisco has strengthened into a typhoon, typhoon force winds of 74 miles per hour or greater won't affect Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

However, Cruz-Miller said, tropical storm force winds of 39 to 73 mph do extend 130 miles from the center at this time.

"This wind field does not reach the islands but due to the proximity of the typhoon, it is highly recommended to be prepared in the event of any changes to

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**REAPPOINTED TO ZONING BOARD**
Alicia S. Igitol, standing left, gestures as she is flanked by her daughter Kayla and husband Victorino moments after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation confirmed her reappointment to the Zoning Board yesterday afternoon on Capital Hill. The delegation also passed yesterday a bill amending a zoning law to prohibit poker machines from operating within 200 feet of schools, churches and playgrounds, among other things. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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# $40M disbursement hinges on Legislature anew

## » AG asks lawmakers to amend, introduce new resolution

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Disbursement of over $40 million in defined benefit plan contributions could still take days, depending on today's Senate action on a new joint resolution that the House of Representatives is likely to adopt this afternoon to heed Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas' request yesterday.

The AG asked the House and Senate to take the "quickest way" by amending a joint resolution or introducing a new one approving the Retirement Fund settlement agreement so as not to further delay the disbursement of DB contributions.

San Nicolas said the lawyers for the plaintiff, Betty Johnson, have taken issue with one of the "Be it further resolved"

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# NMI escapes worse impacts as US shutdown ends

## » American Memorial Park could reopen as early as Saturday

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President Barack Obama's signing of a bill that ended a 16-day partial U.S. government shutdown spared the CNMI from some of the major impacts such as cuts or temporary halt in food stamps and other federally-funded health, education, and welfare programs. But CNMI officials said yesterday the relief could only be temporary.

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The American Memorial Park in Garapan, meanwhile, could re-open as early as Saturday, chief ranger Jason Beatty told *Saipan Tribune* last night.

Beatty said the employees are reporting back to work today to prepare the

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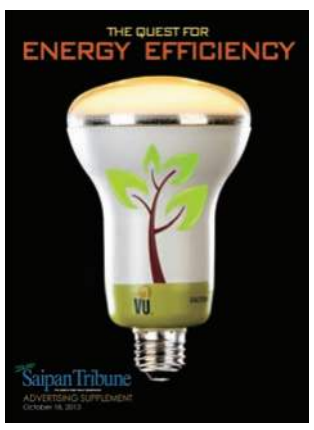


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## OAG WARNS MAYOR FLORES

# 'Continued violation of law will lead to criminal charges'

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The Office of the Attorney General has warned Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores that his continued violation of Saipan Local Law 17-8 could result in the filing of criminal charges against him.

SLL 17-8 designates the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chairman as acting mayor when the mayor is off-island.

"Please be aware that failure to abide by SLL 17-8 and appoint the presiding officer of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Delegation (sic) as acting mayor while you are off-island may result in the Office of the Attorney General filing criminal charges against you," said Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas in an Oct. 15 letter to Flores.

San Nicolas

It wasn't the first time San Nicolas warned Flores about his failure to abide by the statute. His office sent the mayor a formal notice about his failure to comply with SLL 17-8 on Aug. 1.

"However, the Office of the Attorney General has received evidence that you have still failed to comply with SLL 17-8. Specifically, on at least four separate occasions you failed to appoint the presiding officer of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Delegation (sic) to be 'acting mayor' while you were off-island."

According to the OAG, Flores designated his adviser, Henry Hofschneider, as acting mayor on Aug. 30-Sept. 4, 2012; Feb. 4-12, 2013; July 19-22; and Sept. 29-Oct. 4, 2013.

"As explained in our first letter of formal notice, SLL 17-8 explicitly requires the mayor of Saipan to appoint the presiding officer of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Delegation (sic) to be 'acting mayor' while the mayor is absent from the Third Senatorial District. SLL 17-8 was a duly enacted law and binding on the Saipan Mayor's Office. Therefore as mayor of Saipan you are required by law to appoint the presiding officer of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Delegation (sic) to be acting mayor in your absence. It is a clear violation of the law to appoint anyone of your choosing to be acting mayor, or an 'officer in charge,' while you are off-island," wrote San Nicolas.

Flores may face as much as a year of jail time and fined $1,000 or both if proven guilty of criminal charges for violating the statute.

Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal chair Ramon B. Camacho thanked the OAG and San Nicolas for helping clear the issue.

"I appreciate the AG's opinion and it was good and it made things clear. The mayor needs to comply with the law because that's the law. We have to be a model to ordinary people. We are elected officials and the law is the law. I have no quarrel with the mayor. It's nothing personal," said Camacho.

Flores earlier said that he continues to ignore SLL 17-8 because it is unconstitutional.

"This office was created by [the] Constitution and we follow Commonwealth law. Saipan Local Law 17-8 is a local law. The only thing that can change the mandate of this office is through constitutional convention or popular initiative," he said in an interview last week.

Flores insists that the CNMI Constitution always trumps local law.

# Retiree sues Inos, CNMI govt over Johnson settlement deal

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Retiree Jesus I. Taisague filed a lawsuit in federal court yesterday against Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the CNMI government, and the NMI Retirement Fund for entering into a settlement agreement with Betty Johnson that, according to him, is unconstitutional and illegal.

Taisague, through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to cancel the Johnson settlement agreement for being "unconstitutional, illegal, unconscionable, and/or unjust."

Taisague also asked the court to stop Inos and his co-defendants from withholding any pension payments due him, or from failing to pay any pension payments due him, while his lawsuit remains unresolved.

Taisague is demanding unspecified damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

Taisague accuses Inos and co-defendants of breaching a contract, violating the U.S. Constitution, violating the CNMI Constitution, violating his due process, depriving him of his rights, breaching their fiduciary duty, and of unjust enrichment.

*Saipan Tribune* tried to obtain comments from Inos, but he had yet to reply as of press time.

Taisague is a former employee of the CNNI government. He said he has been receiving regular pension payments since December 1998 up until Oct. 15, 2013.

Taisague is among the 16 persons who opted out of the Johnson settlement agreement. He tried to intervene in the Johnson class action at the final fairness hearing, but U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood denied his request for being too late, among other reasons.

Quichocho stated in the complaint that Inos and co-defendants gave away all of the Fund's assets to the Johnson settlement fund, including all the contributions made by Taisague.

Quichocho said the defendants have a contractual obligation to pay Taisague the pension benefits they promised him.

He said the defendants are prohibited by the U.S. and the CNMI Constitutions from impairing or diminishing their contractual obligations to pay Taisague.

# Fletcher says CUC is prepared for typhoon

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is prepared to both restore service and protect its facilities if Typhoon Francisco heads back to the CNMI, according to CUC executive director Alan Fletcher.

"If we do get hit by a major storm there will be power outages. The key, of course, is how extensive the damage is and how quickly we can restore service to customers," Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He said service restoration is no small task and that CUC's power, water, and wastewater crews "who are out in a stormy weather solely to help the customers" deserve thanks. "This is often hazardous work that requires great skill along with dedication."

Fletcher noted that due to worker and public safety concerns, crews will wait until conditions improve to begin work restoring power and other services.

Due to heavy vegetation in the CNMI, he said, CUC crews often have to clear a path before work can begin, so patience is a must.

"Thus far, CUC has fared from earlier in the week, although we did experience some localized outages on Tuesday," Fletcher said.

Typhoon Francisco is expected to head west of the Marianas and its nearest approach to Saipan and Tinian is Friday afternoon, according to a forecast by the National Weather Service in Guam. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# House panel OKs funding opt-outs' pension

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The House Ways and Means Committee has recommended full House passage of a bill funding the pension of 16 individuals who opted out of a global NMI Retirement Fund settlement class that has over 4,000 members.

Once the committee report is adopted, the House could act on House Bill 18-130 as early as today.

Authored by Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan), HB 18-130 seeks to reserve any lapsed funds from a certain account—business unit NMI DC Employer Contribution—to pay for retired Fund members that have decided to opt out of the class action settlement deal.

The Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), said if DC members withdraw their funds, the government will not have to pay the 4 percent employer contribution, creating a lapse of funds from that particular account.

This can be used to help fund the retirement benefits of retiree opt-outs, said the committee. It recommends passage of the bill in its current form.

Taitano said there's still no telling how much the lapsed funds would be, but that retiree opt-outs would also receive at least 75 percent of retirees' pension just like those who are in the settlement class.

On Tuesday, retirees who had not opted out of the settlement deal started seeing a 25-percent cut in their pension checks.

That same day, retirees who opted out of the settlement class did not get their pension checks.

One of those who opted out, Jess Taisague, 56, sued the government yesterday for diminishing and impeding his constitutional right to receive his pension.

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# Japan's only Spanish bagpipe player making the rounds on Saipan

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Japan's only professional Spanish bagpipe player, Yuki Kojima, has been making the rounds on Saipan, including tonight's performance at Coffee & Jazz Lounge Bar and tomorrow night's American Red Cross signature Club 200 fundraiser.

The musician, whose stage name is Koji Koji Moheji, visited Saipan Southern High School and Northern Marianas College yesterday to share his passion for playing the Spanish bagpipe.

He has traveled the world performing in street festivals and before theatre audiences with the Spanish Gaita Galega, known as the traditional bagpipe of Galicia. The word "gaita" is used across northern Spain as a generic term for "bagpipe."

Today, he will be visiting Mount Carmel School and Koblerville Elementary School, said IT&E marketing coordinator Brad Ruszala.

Tonight, the musician will be performing at Coffee & Jazz Lounge Bar in Garapan.

Coffee & Jazz operations manager Kayoko "Kay" Irinaka said that doors open at 7pm.

A much larger crowd will get to experience Kojima's music in Saturday night's American Red Cross Club 200 fundraiser at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

On Monday, Kojima will also be visiting Kagman High School and Whispering Palms School/Brilliant Star Montessori, Ruzsala said.

Kojima started playing the piano in elementary school, and studied composing and playing drums in junior high school. He later attended a vocational school for music and learned how to play the Scottish bagpipes.

After mastering the Scottish bagpipe over a four-year period, Kojima began playing a bagpipe from Galicia, Spain. Since there were no instructors in Japan, he went to study in Galicia, where he perfected his skills. He now uses the Gaita Galega bagpipe in his concerts.

He has traveled the world for his performances. He can also play an antique French barrel organ, a tin whistle, and the Irish flute.

Kojima's trip to Saipan is sponsored by Budweiser, IT&E, Hertz and Circle Rock Entertainment.

# PARS to host meeting, fundraiser

**HAGÅTÑA, Guam**—The non-profit organization of Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors will be holding their general membership meeting and fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013, from 10am to 2pm at the Tamuning Community Senior Citizen Center.

The members of PARS continue to lobby Congress to pass congressional legislation that would include Guam in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Program. The people of Guam were determined to be eligible recipients since 2005, based on a report submitted by the National Research Committee, which concluded, "As a result of its analysis, the committee concludes that Guam did receive measurable fallout from atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons in the Pacific. Residents of Guam during that period should be eligible for compensation under RECA in a way similar to that of persons considered to be downwinders."

For further information, contact the Offices of Sen. Ben Pangelinan at 473-4236 or email at office@senbenp.com. ***(PR)***

## TYPHOON

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the track," she said in an email.

A tropical storm watch means that tropical storm conditions (damaging winds 40mph or more) are possible in the next 12 to 48 hours.

As of 8:30pm last night, the center of Typhoon Francisco was located about 235 miles southwest of Rota, 300 miles southwest of Tinian, and 310 miles southwest of Saipan.

The National Weather Service said radar indicates that Typhoon Francisco, packing maximum sustained winds near 85 mph, is moving slowly north-northwest at about 4 mph while continuing to intensify.

Francisco is expected to continue moving toward the north-northwest through Thursday night and Friday morning. It said that typhoon force winds extend outward up to 145 miles from the center.

When in a watch, residents should take precautionary measures such as securing loose object outdoors, checking their emergency supply kits, and making sure small crafts stay in port, Cruz-Miller said.

"Residents should continue to remain alert and listen to information from the National Weather Service and the CNMI Homeland Security for further updates," she added.

CNMI residents can expect today winds from the south at 25 to 35 mph with gusts of up to 45 mph.

"Showers are likely with the possibility of a thunderstorm… some producing heavy rainfall," she said.

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management is advising the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north and west facing reefs as rip currents will be life threatening.

Surf will be hazardous at 9 to 11 feet along south, west and north facing reefs through Friday.

"Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions, if travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution, especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets," said HSEM in a special marine advisory.

## LEGISLATURE

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clauses in the resolution that cleared the Legislature last week.

This particular clause was among those added by the Senate to House Joint Resolution 18-10, House Draft 1.

This clause preserves the Legislature's constitutional and statutory rights to challenge the settlement agreement.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) called for a 2pm session today for a likely adoption of a new House Joint Resolution 18-11 that only removes the clause in question.

The new resolution has the same intent of acknowledging and approving the Fund settlement agreement, minus the disputed paragraph.

Acting Senate president Victor Hocog (R-Rota), meanwhile, said yesterday that the Senate believes that the measure adopted last week—HJR 18-10, HD1, SS1—meets the legislative approval requirement under the settlement deal.

"Why do we have to fall under the control of Betty Johnson's lawyers? The resolution is constitutional," Hocog told *Saipan Tribune.*

The Senate-added clause in HJR 18-10 preserves the Legislature's sovereign rights under CNMI and U.S. Constitution and laws in approving parts of the Fund settlement deal "in order to challenge the said agreement due to the said agreement's coerciveness and the agreement's attempt to extort the constitutional authority of the Legislature."

But the AG said the plaintiff's attorneys "believe that the paragraph negates the legislative approval of the settlement agreement."

However, the AG pointed out that he believes last week's adopted resolution satisfies the "legislative approval" requirement under the settlement deal to pave the way for the disbursement of the remainder of DB plan employee contributions.

Members expecting the disbursement of their DB employee contributions have expressed frustration and disappointment over the delay, touching off another round of finger-pointing that blames the NMI Retirement Fund, the Legislature, the federal court, plaintiff Betty Johnson, or the Inos administration for the delay.

### 3 options

The AG, in his two-page letter to the Legislature, said yesterday that the Office of the Attorney General is left with three options given the plaintiff's position on HJR 18-10, HD1, SS1.

One, the OAG can continue to discuss the issue with the plaintiff's attorneys and hope to reach an agreement that HJR 18-10 is sufficient.

Two, the OAG can file a motion with the court and seek court determination that HJR 18-10 satisfies the "legislative approval" requirement under the settlement deal.

Three, the Legislature can amend HJR 18-10 or pass a new resolution to delete the disputed paragraph.

San Nicolas said the OAG is proceeding with the first two options, and they are carefully prepared to argue for the sufficiency of HJR 18-10.

"However, I believe that legislative action that deleted the disputed paragraph would be the quickest way to resolve the issue as there is no guarantee that plaintiff's attorneys will come around and filing a motion would require time for briefing and possibly a hearing. Accordingly, I respectfully request that you amend HJR 18-10 to delete the disputed paragraph or pass a new resolution that does the same," the AG told the House speaker and Senate president.

San Nicolas met yesterday with some senators, including Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan).

Yumul was the main proponent of a Senate substitute version of HJR 18-10. He said the legislative approval requirement has been met, and it's now "in the hands of the federal court."

Hocog, for his part, said he acknowledges that DB members are now anxious about the disbursement of their contributions but there are other issues involved, including not always giving in to Johnson's demands.

Hocog called for a 1:30pm meeting today between the Senate and the AG.

In a phone interview yesterday, Hocog said he might call an emergency session after the Senate's meeting with the AG this afternoon.

But he said there is no telling what the Senate would do on the matter as of yesterday.

The Retirement Fund said it "will not—indeed, cannot—release disbursements until it receives notice that there has been 'legislative action' that conforms with the settlement agreement."

Disbursements of over $40 million in direct deposits and checks would have started yesterday. The Fund pointed out that it stands ready to release all disbursements via checks and direct deposits, pursuant to Public Laws 17-82 and 18-2.

During the settlement deal's preliminary approval, some $10 million was disbursed.

The remainder, or $42 million, will be released after final approval of the settlement agreement and then after legislative approval.

## SHUTDOWN

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park facilities and grounds for re-opening.

"We are tentatively set to re-open on Saturday barring major mechanical and other maintenance issues," he added.

The U.S. immigration court on Saipan also closed during the shutdown but there's no telling when it will re-open.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., which earlier considered prioritizing Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, program if the shutdown goes beyond October, expressed relief yesterday.

"Every day during the shutdown, WIC management has been updating our contingency plans to reflect the current availability of the funds so all of us at CHCC are relieved to hear of the news," CHC interim chief executive officer Esther Muña said last night.

Muña said CHCC will now await guidance from federal agencies "for how the new law will affect all of our federal programs, including the WIC program."

The WIC program is a federally funded supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children up to 5 years old.

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority is also expected to restore the regular hours of its Call-A-Ride operations.

For days, the Call-A-Ride hours of operations were cut to 6:30am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 5:30pm Monday to Friday. It's closed on weekends and holidays.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the underlying issue of balancing the national books remains unresolved "and that we could face another shutdown and debt ceiling showdown at the beginning of next year."

"Americans in the Northern Mariana Islands and throughout our country have lost income and had their well-being placed at risk, because of this needless shutdown of our national government. So, I am very glad to see it ended. I congratulate Mr. Reid and Mr. McConnell, in particular, for working together successfully in the best interest of the nation," he said in a statement.

The new law signed on Wednesday reopens federal agencies, calls some 800,000 civil servants back to work, and raises the $16.7 trillion debt limit.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the shutdown affected the CNMI "as many of the federal counterparts were unresponsive at that time" and meeting deadlines for some of the grants was uncertain for a lack of acknowledgement of receipt of submissions.

"Fortunately, the end of this shutdown will ensure that our agencies are in compliance and that our services are available to the public," he said.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, for his part, said some local government employees just recently faced a similar situation "and so I certainly appreciate the fact that our federal employees can now report back to work and make a living for themselves."

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid (D-Nev) and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky) reached an agreement to fund the U.S. government through Jan. 15, 2014, and to give the nation sufficient borrowing authority to last through Feb. 7, 2014.

That ended a stalemate when hardline conservatives pushed GOP leaders to use the threat of shutdown to block Obama's landmark health program.

Their accord, which ends 16 days of government shutdown and high anxiety over the possibility that America could default on its debt, was approved on an 81-18 vote in the U.S. Senate Wednesday.

The House followed two hours later, approving the temporary spending bill and debt limit increase, by a vote of 285-144.

Democrats in the House accounted for 198 of the "yes" votes that will put federal employees back to work and restore funding for veterans programs, the national parks, Head Start, and nutritional assistance, and a myriad of other federal programs on hold since the Oct. 1 beginning of the fiscal year.

A majority of House Republicans opposed, Sablan said.

"I know that federal employees in the Northern Mariana Islands share my relief to learn that they will be paid for the time they were locked out of their workplaces. I know that those in the Commonwealth government who are paid with federal funds will breathe easier; and the contractors and workers whose jobs require federal funds will be glad to know they can keep building. And I am sure that the many individuals and families who depend on federal education and health programs to make their lives better will be thankful that this crisis is over," he said.

Sablan said the CNMI people may not have a vote in Congress, "but I will continue to work in the days ahead to ensure that our voice is heard in all these national deliberations."

# Hotels' occupancy rate at 75 percent in September

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported a 74.89-percent occupancy rate among its 12 member hotels for September 2013, an 8-percent increase compared to September 2012.

A total of 53,878 of 71,940 available room nights sold in September 2013, compared to 48,243 of 72,060 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were $107.12 during the month, compared to $93.02 last September.

"The Northern Marianas has much to offer visitors in terms of natural beauty and relaxation," said HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa. "It's our job as a community to ensure our hotels, our parks, and beaches, and our villages are clean, attractive, and safe. This is one way every citizen can contribute to building our tourism economy."

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 84.31 percent, 11 percent higher than last year. The number is slightly over a healthy industry indicator average of 80 percent occupancy.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. ***(HANMI)***

# Saipan lawmakers OK poker parlor ban within 200 ft. of schools, parks

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Saipan lawmakers passed yesterday afternoon a bill banning poker parlors from operating "within 200 feet" of schools, churches, Laundromats, parks, and playgrounds, marking another round of changes to Saipan's zoning laws.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb's (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 18-24, once signed into law, gives affected gaming businesses four years to relocate to approved areas. These could be an adult business park, tourist resort, mixed commercial districts, Garapan Core, Garapan East, or Beach Road zoning districts.

During yesterday's session of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) offered a floor amendment that, among other things, changed the accepted distance of poker machines from schools and churches, for example, from the original proposal of 100 feet to 300 feet and, later, to 200 feet.

"The 200 feet is a compromise," Leon Guerrero told his colleagues, after conferring with Zoning administrator Therese T. Ogumoro in the House chamber on Capital Hill.

Most of the Zoning Board's proposed changes to the Saipan Zoning Law were incorporated in HB 18-24.

By a vote of 18-1 with two absences, HB 18-24, as amended, passed the Saipan delegation at 3:04pm yesterday.

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), the only one who voted "no," doubts whether there are really designated areas where poker establishments can relocate to, such as an "adult business park."

Absent from the session were Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Rep. Richard Seman (R-Saipan).

The bill now goes to the governor for action.

## Confirmation

In other news, the Saipan delegation confirmed yesterday the governor's reappointment of Alicia S. Igitol to serve as a member of the Zoning Board.

Igitol will serve another two-year term.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos re-appointed Igitol on Sept. 5, subject to the Saipan delegation's confirmation.

Igitol said yesterday's she's grateful for the confidence in her by the governor and the Saipan delegation. Her husband Victorino and their children were with her at the delegation session yesterday.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### WIA smart upgrades

In keeping up with the pace of changing technology, WIA has upgraded its site to a more responsive design allowing the site to be viewed on smart devices such as phones, tablets, and other handheld devices.. A user friendly site, log on to http://www.wia.gov.mp for more information. ***(PR)***

### COTA Open Houses set

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority will be having an Open House to inform the community of Saipan about the findings and results of the Saipan Fixed-Flex Route and Paratransit System Feasibility Study. COTA consultant Wally Beck of Transit Consulting Network will be making the presentation.

The Open House will be held on Oct. 21, , from 6pm to 8pm, at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe; and on Oct. 22, , from 6pm to 8pm, at the Garapan Elementary School. For more information, call 664-2276, email COTA@gov.mp, or visit the website at www.COTA.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

### FOA membership meeting on Oct. 22

The Friends of the Arts will be holding its first membership meeting of the 2014 season on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Taste of India Restaurant in Garapan. The cost for the membership meeting, which includes a dinner buffet, is $15 for adult members of FOA (age 12 and above) and guests, $8 for children (age 4-12), and no charge for children younger than 4 years. Email Frank Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com to confirm attendance. ***(PR)***

### NMC to host Tinian info session on Oct. 19

Individuals interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers are encouraged to attend a free information session hosted by the Northern Marianas College on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013, on Tinian. The information session will be an ongoing session so participants can stop by any time between 10am and 7pm in the lobby of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino. For more information, contact NMC Tinian site coordinator Maria Aguon at 433-0649 or email maria.aguon@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

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# Progress on Tinian CIPs

The Inos administration stated yesterday that significant progress has been made in the implementation of capital improvement programs on Tinian.

"Implementation of Tinian's capital improvement projects is important for two major reasons," said Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider. "First, the capital improvement projects address important infrastructure needs of the community such as the airport, harbor, and healthcare that are needed by the community. Second, capital improvement projects provide a stimulus to the local economy in the buying of supplies and the hiring of local labor."

"Concerns have previously been raised about the progress of Tinian's capital improvement projects," Hofschneider said, "and in order to ensure timely implementation of the projects, we have been meeting regularly with staff of the Office of Capital Improvement and the leadership of Tinian and Aguiguan. I am happy to now state that there has been significant forward progress."

The administration reported progress on the following projects:

1. Tinian International Airport Improvements: The proposed improvements to make all elements of the airport functional, and to facilitate the expansion of air services plans, will be out for bid by Oct. 30, 2013, with construction completed in 2014.

2. Tinian Harbor Analysis and Repairs: An assessment is being made to determine the most appropriate design, and cost estimates, for this crucial element of island infrastructure. Selection and award of the contract is scheduled for the first week of November 2013.

3. Tinian Health Center Repairs and Improvements: An analysis was recently conducted of the Tinian Health Center, which identified needed immediate and long-term improvements. Based on this report, immediate repairs to the roofing system and restrooms will be done by November 2013.

4. New Tinian Health Center Equipment: In order to improve health care services on Tinian, an ultrasound unit, autoclave, and PACs system have been purchased with contract award scheduled for October 2013.

5. New Tinian Landfill: Engineering design of the new landfill is 90-percent complete, and only awaits the transfer of the designated site in Atigon, and the completion of a bird study associated with airport operations to be completed.

6. Renovation of the Existing Tinian Landfill: In order to improve the existing landfill until a new landfill is constructed, the Commonwealth is restructuring existing design and operations. These improvements will make it easier for residents to dispose of trash, clean up the site, eliminate fires, and control pests. A contract will be awarded in November 2013 for design with construction in 2014.

7. New Landfill Equipment: In order to aid in efforts to improve operations at the existing landfill, a new bulldozer, front-end loader, excavator, and dump truck are being purchased in November 2013. This new equipment will allow Public Works personnel to reshape the existing site to control odors, eliminate litter, and control rodents.

8. Tinian Solid Waste Transfer Station: In order to provide a simpler method of trash disposal and simple solid waste, a transfer station will be constructed across from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power plant. A transfer station provides a more convenient method for people to dispose of their solid waste because it is closer to their homes and provides dumpsters for collection of trash, sorting bins for separation of recyclables, and collection areas for green waste and appliances. Engineering design for this facility is in progress with an estimated completion date of March 2014 and construction shortly after.

9. Tinian Harbor Emergency Repairs: In order to assure continued fuel deliveries to the island of Tinian, emergency repairs were made and completed in 2013. These improvements included installation of new bollards and fenders and repair to the seawall.

In reviewing the amount of progress, Hofschneider said, "I want to thank the leadership of Tinian and Aguiguan for their efforts in this matter and also the staff at the Capital Improvement Office. I am pleased with the progress that has been made in the implementation of capital improvement projects. However, we need to continue moving forward, as there are many other areas of island infrastructure that have long needed repair." ***(Office of the Governor)***


## MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS ON FIVE HOUSES IN SAIPAN

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals on One Two-story concrete house in Kannat Tabla, Saipan and Two Three Bedroom house and Two-Two Bedroom houses all located in Kagman 3, Saipan.

MPLT Resolution 10-10 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP). Under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following: 1) the homes are offered at the minimum appraised value; 2) each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and 3) the proposer is certified as qualified as a first-time homeowner with proof of registration as a person of Northern Marianas Descent through the NMD Registry program with the CNMI Board of Elections; a notarized affidavit by the applicant that he/she does not have any interest, whether freehold or fee simple, in any CNMI land; and a verified name search from a title company (current within 45 days) showing that the applicant does not own title to nor hold any interest in CNMI land as a grantee.

A fixed interest rate of 2% per annum and no down payment required under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the esponsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for one acquired home located in Kannat Tabla, Saipan and four acquired homes located in Kagman, Saipan. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Below is a photograph and short description of each home as well as the minimum appraised value. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa. The deadline for submission of proposals for either house is Monday, December 02, 2013.

Complete proposal package is available at www.mplt.gov.mp

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Fair Condition
Kagman III
**Appraised Value $36,000.00**

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2-Bedroom / 1-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Fair Condition
Kagman II
**Appraised Value $36,000.00**

# UFO launches fund drive for victims of Philippines quake

The United Filipino Organization will be holding several fundraising drives for the benefit of the victims of the devastating earthquake that hit Bohol and Cebu provinces in the Philippines early Tuesday morning.

UFO president Annamae Adaza said the fund drive will start tomorrow, Oct. 19, 7am at the Sabalu Market in Susupe where the umbrella organization of all Filipino groups on Saipan will be setting up a booth.

It will continue on Sunday, Oct. 20, 6pm at the Kristo Rai Church and at the Tuesday and Thursday farmers' markets at the Garapan Fishing Base next week.

"With all the issues going on in the Philippines like the pork barrel controversy, we still need to help our *kababayans* [countrymen]. The important thing is we make the effort to extend our help, rather than keep watching the news, feel sorry for them, and keep doing nothing," said Adaza.

She said the UFO will only be accepting monetary donations and anyone who wants to donate but can't go to the fund drive booths are requested to call her at 483-5237 or UFO secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021.

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, meanwhile, said it is currently coordinating with the Filipino Community of Guam, particularly with its president Roy Adonay, regarding possible relief efforts for the benefit of the families and communities affected by the earthquake.

The consulate general and the FCG will also coordinate with the officers and members of the Cebu Association of Guam about this matter.

An official announcement on the relief efforts will be made available as soon as details are finalized. For queries and requests for information, call the consulate general at 646-4620/30 or (670) 682-2222.

In its update to Filipinos in the Marianas about the earthquake in the central Philippines, the consulate general said the 7.2 magnitude earthquake occurred Tuesday at about 8:20am in the Visayan provinces of Bohol, Cebu, and Siquijor.

According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, the strength of the earthquake was equivalent to that of 32 Hiroshima atomic bombs.

As of 6am Wednesday, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said that 879 barangays in the three provinces were damaged by the earthquake, affecting approximately 558,390 families, which translates to about 2,841,956 individuals.

A total of 158 casualties have been reported, while 276 were reported injured and three persons have been rescued.

Due to the extent of the damage, both the provinces of Cebu and Bohol have been declared under a state of calamity.

In response to the disaster, the Armed Forces of the Philippines deployed its humanitarian assistance and disaster response units to assist in the rescue efforts. Two helicopters were deployed to augment the 2nd Special Forces Battalion conducting disaster response operation in Tagbilaran, Bohol, while four M-35 trucks with 50 military personnel were also deployed to Cebu City to assist in debris clearing, particularly in the Basilica del Sto. Niño, which partially collapsed.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development released 10 million pesos to the DSWD Field Office in Region 7 to purchase relief goods for the families affected by the earthquake. They have also started operating several evacuation centers in order to provide temporary shelters. ***(Mark Rabago)***


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Diamond Peel
Hair Spa Treatment
Pedicure

PACKAGE – C $100
Body Scrub w/ Honey Polish
Serenity Signature Massage
Deep Cleansing Facial
Diamond Peel
Hair Spa Treatment

PACKAGE – D $100
Serenity Signature Massage
Foot Spa & Pedicure
Deep Cleansing Facial
Diamond Peel
Manicure

PACKAGE – E $100
Body Scrub w/ Honey Polish
Serenity Signature Massage
Deep Cleansing Facial
Brazilian Wax
Eyebrow Wax
Pedicure

PACKAGE – F $80
Hair Color (short hair only)
Hair Spa Treatment
Foot Spa w/ Pedicure
Manicure w/ Nail Art
Hair Cut

PACKAGE – G $80
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**PORT OF SAIPAN BOAT SHED CONSTRUCTION**
**PROJECT NO. CPA-SS-001-13**
**DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES**

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the construction of a new boat shed building at the Port of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The work shall include all materials, labor and equipment necessary to achieve a finished product, including but limited to the items in this scope of work and those shown on the working drawings. The proposal package which includes the scope of work and other considerations will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning September 30th, 2013.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Port of Saipan Boat Shed-Design/Built Services". One original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 11, 2013 at the Port of Saipan Conference Room. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the pre-proposal conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
**Office of the Executive Director**

# INVITATION FOR BIDS
**CUC-IFB-14-002**

**SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF TYPHOON RECOVERY MATERIALS**

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Typhoon Recovery Materials for CUC Power Division, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $80.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

***CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups".***

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-14-002, Supply & Delivery of Typhoon Recovery Materials"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for goods. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **October 28, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org & Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles.warren@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director


# MVA is urged to rehabilitate rundown sites

By MARK RABAGO
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Marianas Visitors Authority is being urged to take the lead in repairing rundown sites, especially in Marpi, even as the islands' tourism industry is rebounding after years of stagnation.

Speaking at Tuesday's MVA meeting, board member Jerry Tan said that now is the time to invest by fixing the CNMI's tourism infrastructure.

"I keep hearing feedback that MVA needs to fix sites. Now that we have excess funds…the $500,000 we have now is money that we didn't have before, which is a great start. We need to enhance sites because tourists are comparing us to other destinations," he said.

Tan added that band-aid solutions like fixing old railings and splashing new paint will not do the trick.

"Just repairing broken railings may not be enough. These are old designs so we really need to upgrade and update things. Half a million dollars is not enough and we have to be more aggressive. They [tourists] come in and see the broken things. How good is that? We need to fast-track this because tourists are coming in everyday and money is not a problem now like before," he said.

"I just keep hearing comments that our tourist sites and infrastructure are broken and neglected for a long time. We need to improve our product. After you fix it up, our expenditure will not be bigger in the following years."

Tan also said a small thing like lighting up anew the Beach Road Pathway at night could mean a big thing for the islands' visitors.

"We have a beautiful pathway but the lights are not on at night. Tourists want to do what locals like to do. We have the money and we need to be more aggressive so why not turn on the lights at the pathway at night?"

MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce said the repowering of the Beach Road Pathway lights is one of MVA's priorities. However, she said the Department of Public Works told her that repowering it would cost around $100,000 because all its copper wirings have been stolen and needs to be replaced.

Aldan-Pierce said MVA is now looking at using solar energy to power the pathway's lights.

In the end, MVA agreed to inspect all tourist sites on Saipan, with the board of directors coming along to personally see for themselves the state of the island's tourist infrastructure.

Tourist arrivals in the CNMI reached 400,000 as of August this year.

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### October 18, 2005

**CPA, Mobil settle on uncollected fee**
The Commonwealth Ports Authority has reached a settlement agreement with Mobil Oil Marianas on the $6 million in retroactive wharfage fees that CPA failed to collect from the oil firm between 1997 and 2004. Under the settlement signed Friday, Oct. 14, Mobil will have to make a lump-sum payment of $2.7 million to CPA within five days of execution of the agreement. Also pursuant to the agreement, Mobil will be collecting $3.4 million from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for wharfage on fuel supplied by Mobil to CUC during the subject period. Mobil has 15 days to collect the amount from the utility firm and remit the funds to the ports authority. If CUC does not pay within this period, the right to demand the money will be assigned to CPA.

**Commercial fishing group accredited by NOAA**
The commercial fishing group wanting to locate in the CNMI is allowed by the federal government to fish in the western Pacific, according to the Department of Commerce. Commerce economic development officer Glen Manglona said yesterday that Lady Kimberly has been issued a federal long-line fishing permit by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the Western Pacific Fisheries Zone. "In the documents submitted by the company, all federal permitting requirements have been met," said Manglona, noting that the project "is a comprehensive 'dolphin safe' operation." In a statement, Lady Kimberly representative Courtney L. Zietzke said that the fishing operations on Saipan will be "locally owned." He said local fishermen will own up to 30 percent share of the equity.

### October 18, 2006

**NMI loses nearly 100K tourists**
The CNMI lost nearly 100,000 tourists in fiscal year 2006, owing primarily to the pullout of Japan Airlines in October 2005. Latest data from the Marianas Visitors Authority showed that from the Japanese market alone, the CNMI lost 95,971 tourists from October 2005 to September 2006. From 376,263 in FY 2005, Japan arrivals went down to 280,292 in FY 2006. JAL used to bring in some 155,000 passengers a year. Japan arrivals reflect about 70 percent of the total arrivals in the CNMI. The decline in the Japan market was offset a bit by other markets, resulting in an overall loss of 85,745 tourists in FY 2006.

**Cost of dialysis center balloons to $15M**
The cost of the Commonwealth Health Center's expansion has ballooned to $15 million from the original contract price of $5 million. This means that the government paid $192 to build each square meter of the 78,000-square meter building, which was supposed to house a new hemodialysis center only. The project ended up including additional out-patient clinics, a state-of-the-art command center in case of a disaster, soundproof conference rooms, spacious medical records and supply rooms, and administrative offices that have individual shower rooms.

### October 18, 2007

**Firms found not complying with 20 percent hiring rule**
The Department of Labor has created a task force to check businesses on the island whether they are complying with the law that requires 20 percent employment of resident workers. Labor deputy secretary Alfred A. Pangelinan told Saipan Tribune that 15 out of 26 businesses visited by the task force were found not complying with the 20-percent law. Pangelinan, however, disclosed that after being given a notice of non-compliance, these businesses started hiring resident workers.

**Guam senator backs collaboration with NMI on federal issues**
A Guam senator says the CNMI and the neighboring territory should continue to collaborate on federal issues affecting the region. Sen. Judith P. Guthertz, who authored the Guam resolution against the proposed U.S. takeover of CNMI immigration, said she hopes both local governments could work together as they deal with the military buildup on Guam. "I hope that Guam and the CNMI will continue to dialogue on the many important issues that will adversely affect the quality of life for our people and proudly display our unity as one to the U.S. Congress and the presidential house," Guthertz said in a letter to Speaker Oscar M. Babauta.

# Want to donate your used eyeglasses or sunglasses?

The International Association of Lions Clubs in Region 2 District 204, together with Saipan Unity Lions Club, would soon launch its major project on Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

District 204 1st VDG Pastor Gagaring and Argie Buensalido, president of Saipan Unity Lions Club, and Region 2 LC officers would soon deploy receptacles in various points where interested individuals could drop off their used eyeglasses and sunglasses. These used eyeglasses would be delivered to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers where volunteers clean, sort by grade, test, and package the glasses.

With this "Lion Recycle For Sight Program," the public can be part of helping people in other parts of the world.

The group will soon announce the places where you can donate or drop off your used eyeglasses or you may contact any of the following officers: Pastor Gagaring, 287-7478; Tess Talens, 323-3796; Flor Miranda, 785-9786; Boyet Escober, 789-6203; Joe Digno, 287-4574; or Argie Buensalido, 322-1690/91

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If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, you can donate them now. Lions accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses, plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed.

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## Terrorism and the ivory trade

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If the world needs another reason to get serious about combating elephant poaching, here's one: The attack by terrorists on Westgate Mall in Nairobi. Income from illegal ivory trafficking is a substantial funding source for the Shabab, the group that claimed responsibility for the attack.

The connection between terrorism and wildlife smuggling is clear. An 18-month undercover investigation conducted by our groups found an indisputable financial trail between the illicit trade in ivory and rhino horns and the Shabab. This connection is of increasing concern to world leaders. In her recent announcement of a new global effort to combat poaching, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton noted that African terrorist groups, including the Shabab, "fund their terrorist activities to a great extent from ivory trafficking."

Our investigation detailed how the Shabab acts as a middleman, taking orders from agents in Asia or Persian Gulf states and purchasing ivory from small-time brokers to fill those orders. The terrorist group, we found, pays better than many middlemen (about $90 a pound in 2012), making it an attractive buyer. The brokers (often related by clan) who engage the poachers, pay about $23 per pound, which means they make a hefty return in their dealings with the Shabab.

The Shabab's spot as a premier broker is in part due to its financial and organizational prowess. And a recent crackdown by the Kenya Wildlife Service on ivory smuggling at its ports and airports has made the group an even more essential player. But the real driver of the Shabab's ivory business is soaring demand in consuming countries, which raises prices and makes the trade ever more lucrative. Illicit raw ivory now fetches nearly $700 per pound in some parts of Asia.

The money the Shabab earns from the black market in ivory allows the group to recruit and pay its soldiers well and consistently. Because of the trade, Shabab fighters are paid about $300 a month, while those in Somalia's regular army have often earned far less.

Breaking the Shabab's financial lifeline won't be possible unless consumers quit buying ivory.

Every illegal ivory carving purchased has an associated trail of blood that leads from butchered elephants to terrorist fighters and ultimately to slaughtered human beings, like those in the Nairobi shopping mall.

While we welcome recent actions, such as President Obama's executive order and the just-announced three-year, $80-million Clinton Global Initiative Commitment to Action, which brings together NGOs, governments and concerned citizens to stop wildlife trafficking and the slaughter of Africa's elephants, these things aren't enough. It is ivory consumers who have the real power.

It is consumers who must understand the devastating toll of their purchases—and act accordingly.

Last year, more than 30,000 elephants were butchered on the African continent. A recent study found that more than 60 percent of the forest elephant population had been killed for ivory in the last decade, and scientists say they could well be extinct in 10 years if the butchery isn't stopped.

And the larger savanna elephants are under attack too. In Zimbabwe, officials announced last month that more than 90 elephants were killed in a national park by poachers who spread cyanide in watering holes and salt pans, suggesting that poachers are growing more sophisticated and changing their tactics in response to more efficient operations by law enforcement agencies.

Buyers of ivory must understand that they are not simply purchasing a beautiful trinket. They are taking part in the slaughter of elephants. They are contributing to the deaths of rangers, men and women who lose their lives protecting elephants and rhinos. They are harming farmers, who have seen an increase in attacks by ele-

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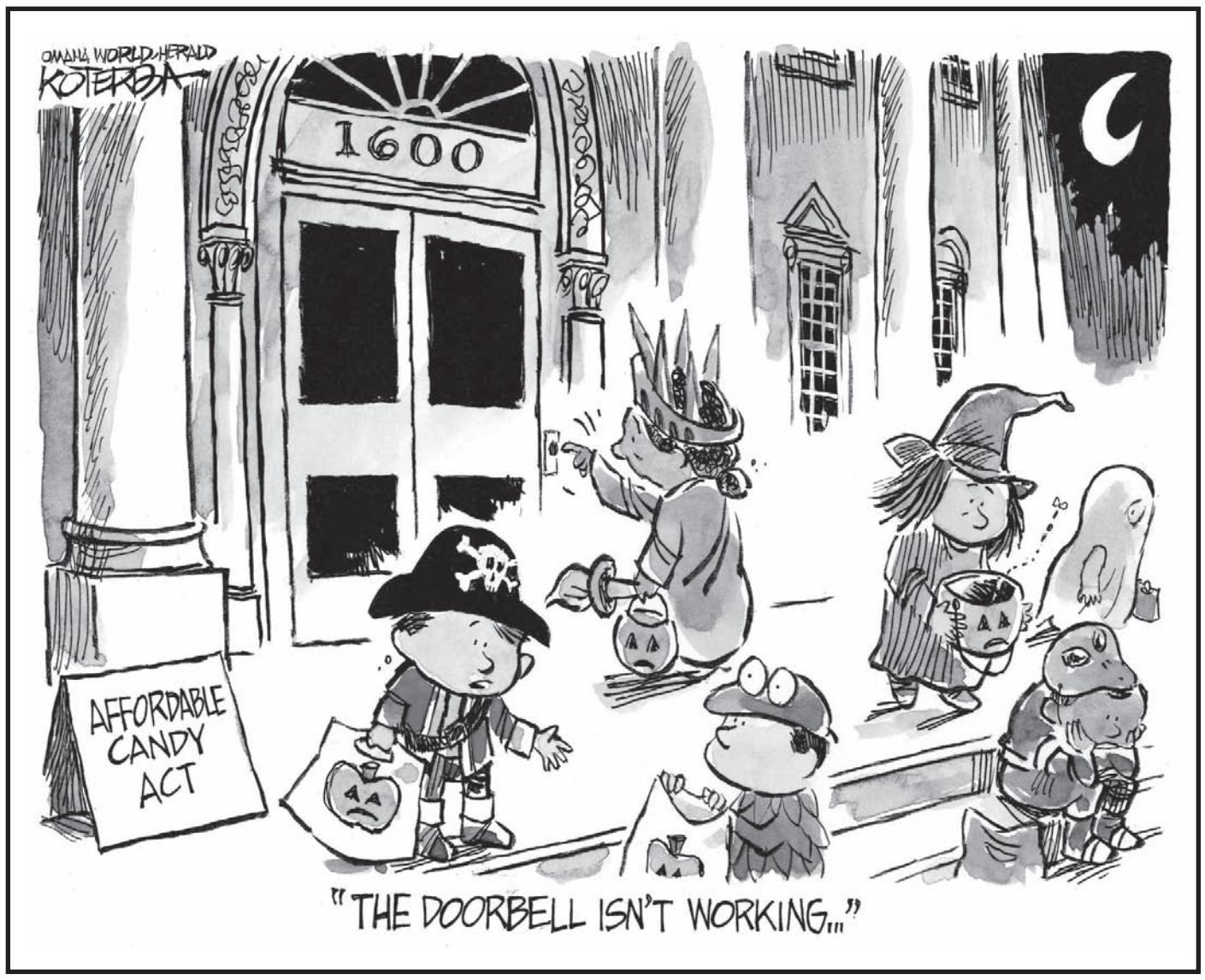


## Hulaland's *aloha* is in Dong Bei

**By JAIME VERGARA**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I knew my brief sojourn to the *paradiso* of the *Portugueso* had ended when I smelled the exhaust fumes at the Honolulu International Airport. I had already moved my mental furniture to my classroom in China the day before departure from paradise but the clear blue skies and abundant fresh air of Kapolei were too good that I started missing it even before I left the place. The airport scent reminded me of the polluted world I regularly inhabit.

A colleague from Saipan, traveling from the U.S. East Coast to the Marianas, avoids transiting in Japan due to Fukushima. He goes straight to HK or Manila, then hop to Saipan. Though we are upwind from Nippon and the local markets offer fish harvests of *Bei Hai* (East Sea) that are drinking buddies to sea mutants of Japan, I decided that my physiology is quite capable of handling the ensuing process of mutation in today's radiated 21st century!

I showed up two hours before departure time at my airline gate ready to park my oversized *heine* at the lounge, and Apple my time away, as I had done many times before, but airport security would not let me in through the neighboring departure lounge. Previously connected lounges were once open to each other when airports were not yet the domain of uniformed personnel who shower on fear-and-suspicion policies before breakfast but are now locked and guarded.

I waited outside the departure lounge, which would not have been bad save the limited chairs outside were all occupied, leaving my weak knees to complain when we took the floor leadership position hunched down with our back against the post. The exhaust fumes from the arriving/departing planes, wikis, cars and pickups were just too much to the battered lungs of this 68-year-old.

Security concerns and procedures at the airport prevailed. "Due to increased security ... " preceded frequently paged announcements! I reminded myself that I was in the heightened "alert, alarm, and beware" culture hoisted against the strange and over the unusual, a radical departure from monotheistic religions of the Levant that considered the stranger as one's neighbor. My Hawaii brother of a law enforcement office confessed his adoption of this predominant culture. Looking over his shoulders has become a standard operating procedure.

Wearing an *aloha* shirt with an SD (San Diego) cap for my traveling attire, I was told many times to join the domestic line at the check-in counter rather than be at the international one. I was evidently profiled as a southern California farmhand. The lady from the visitor's bureau conducting a survey of departing visitors' asked all the passengers to fill up a form except this "local." I secretly grinned. I did look like a sore thumb among all the Korean and Chinese passengers in my terminal.

Speaking of "all thumbs," the phrase used to denigrate the uncoordinated amongst us, contrasts with the smart phone users where "all thumbs" took a positive turn. Our sense of security took the negative turn.

When the aircraft crew of my flight arrived at the departure gate, the check-in and door guard would not let them in because the aircraft they were to command was just unloading arriving passengers. They stood with the rest of us outside the departure lounge. I pleaded with security personnel to let me in after our breathing difficulty with the fumes but the stern *manang* pointed me back to the terminal where "I could sip my coffee in comfort at Starbuck, or lounge at the food court, or window shop at the attractive displays of the various duty-free shops." Security also joined airport marketing!

Food was out of the agenda. I gained in almost two weeks of local cuisine the weight I lost the last 10 months in *Dong Bei,* adding another inch to the waistline. Honolulu servings are huge and friends preferred "all you can eat" buffets. I enjoyed walking down the Hawai'iana section of the department stores where the small size of *aloha* shirts were too big on me! I shopped at the children's section.

In urban China, I am a *xiao pangzi* (pleasantly well-rounded like the urban children) while at the university where the lean countryside folks outnumber the city folks, I tend to be *da pangzi* (definitely "big" rotund). It is pleasant to be in the America where I am happily viewed as petite!

American culture created an unsustainable culture of consumption after the crash of '29, when to consume became patriotic, and to have credit the modus operandi. The rest of the world followed. The 2006 PBS program *Story of Stuff,* a video I let my class watch and mimic to practice their spoken English, makes it clear how programmatically and automatically wasteful our current society has become, evident in the bedroom communities of Ewa Beach and Kapolei of our familiar. It is a culture sadly aped around the world.

Aloha is a greeting of gracious welcome and reluctant goodbye, of wellbeing wished and hoped for. Graceful finger-talk on undulating arms and swinging hips deliver aloha in the hula. That's as good a metaphor of the real rainbow connection, the kind of aloha we bring to the other kind, alas, already in Dong Bei.

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# You can't walk in your sleep

**By ED STEPHENS**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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An important topic merits important references. So here's a quote from the Go-Go's: "You can't walk in your sleep if you can't sleep." These words are from their 1981 album *Beauty and the Beat*.

Unimpeachable wisdom, that.

And it's back in fashion. Over the past couple of years sleep, or, more specifically, the lack of it, has awakened a lot of discussion on the health front. One theory is that a lot of people aren't getting enough sleep because they spend the wee hours staring at TVs and computer screens.

Conventional wisdom seems to be that eight hours of uninterrupted sleep is the normal, healthy, daily amount. When studies suggest that many people are falling short of that benchmark it makes for news articles.

It is claimed, or at least suspected, that the light emitted by "devices" (computers, cell phones, etc.) interferes with the sleep process when it's bedtime.

I'll leave that for the scientists to puzzle out. Me, I'm just a guy in a beach chair, and I don't have any answers. But I do have an observation; such are the prerogatives of guys in beach chairs. And from what I've seen, the compulsion to fill one's head with electronic pollution is a sign of a turbulent mind. And a turbulent mind may not settle into sleep easily.

So maybe the "device" is a symptom, not a cause, of an underlying problem.

I'm not arguing against the concept that the light emitted by these devices can mess up someone's sleep, I'm just saying that maybe there's more to the story than that.

Anyway, we can certainly look for evidence of technology changing sleeping behavior. For example, the industrial revolution, and the electrification that went with it, and the artificial lighting that went with that, may have decoupled people from a more natural schedule of snoozing.

Indeed, by some accounts gleaned from European history, before the light bulb came along people would get their sleep in two chunks. One chunk, the "first sleep," would come in the evening. Then there would be a waking span, around midnight, when people would be up and about, visiting neighbors, socializing, playing Pictionary, or whatever. After this would come the second sleep.

That gig would be just a quaint observation about quaint times, but my pals and I stumbled across the effect when we were teenagers. With all the ingenious recklessness of youth, we managed to trail blaze our way to really remote areas in the Mojave Desert, with no evidence of the modern world in view, or even within striking distance. And, having found and charted the middle of nowhere, we'd camp there; just us, the rattlesnakes, the scorpions, and probably a few ghosts of wayward gold miners who were condemned to wander those craggy valleys for all of eternity.

Anyway, during these camping forays, the first couple of nights were usually late night parties around the campfire, just normal teenaged stuff. But after that we'd slip into a different tempo. We'd wind up hitting the hay shortly after dark, and most of us would awaken at about 11pm or midnight. This was no idle span of time. We'd usually go hiking and then cook up some midnight dinner. After that we'd all conk out for a second chunk of sleep.

So if some academics have reckoned the old days had such a sleep pattern, my atavistic truancy sure jibed with it.

Anyway, back to modern times. The public health experts haven't been caught napping on this topic. The Centers for Disease Control, or CDC, has a web page devoted to it. "Insufficient Sleep Is a Public Health Epidemic" says the page's headline.

Various causes are cited, including "round-the-clock access to technology and work schedules," and "sleep disorders such as insomnia or obstructive sleep apnea."

They also mention a lot of health woes from not getting enough sleep. This list includes hypertension, obesity, diabetes, and, yes, cancer. Yikes.

The science is over my head. But some intuition isn't, at least in a broader context. Whenever I'm in a nasty and loud place, where basic peace, let alone basic sleep, is difficult, it does feel unhealthy. I can easily ride out those rare episodes, since it just goes with traveling, but I'm always happy to return to peaceful surroundings.

Meanwhile, I suspect we are going to see more news about this topic in the coming years, since any underlying factor you can name is sure to be on the increase. The white-coat crowd will be busy studying the epidemic in more detail.

But even science has its limits, because nature has its limits, and there will be no easy solutions. "Sleeping pill" is a very common term, so presumably it's a common product, too. But if a pill could fix the problem, then this wouldn't be a story, would it?

Indeed not. So I'll close with more wisdom from the Go-Go's: "Sleep is one thing you can't buy."

# Retirees deal with 25-pct. reduction

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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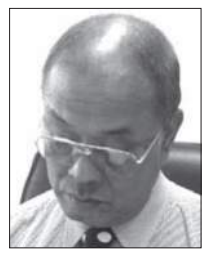

The reduction of 25 percent in retirees' pension went into effect last Tuesday, Oct. 15. It came at a time when the local economy suffers heavily from depression or the doubling up of recession depicting far more egregious economic conditions.

The 25-percent cut in pension paychecks, when translated, is actually an additional cost for you to deal with, excluding health premiums increase upon renewal, life insurance, real-estate and auto insurance, the impending rate increase in water and power, and, other basic needs shooting upwards like meteorites. It's safe to say that we'd be dealing with a new set of cost upwards of 30 percent.

Furthermore, I still quiz why they would take what's due retirees, grandly ignoring fidelity to the rule of law or Article 3, Section of the Constitution prohibiting reduction or contractual impairment. It's our money! Where did the administration get its authority to openly shred constitutional law? Hello? How come the AG's Office shirks from answering this query?

The net effect of this unconstitutional reduction is indeed devastating. There goes paying for the first family home, only family car, clothing for the troops, health insurance, healthcare, basic goods and services. It would be the longest day in this hellish hole so designed and fostered by leadership's incompetence.

At least we could cheer their grand success ensuring that the Fund is insolvent. Now they're headed for cover, so fearful of their own shadows!

## Usual scattershot view

We pop the cork of the usual unbridled discussion on additional land needed for military purposes. Everybody's talking! I tried to make sense of the scattershot viewpoints that careens to nearby blame-game land.

I can't hitch a ride into some meaningful discussion, not when the wheels came off our wagon from the outset. Had we retreated to reading pertinent provisions under the Covenant Agreement we would have found what it says, including what it doesn't say.

It says that any additional land beyond what's in the agreement requires congressional approval—plan and budgetary appropriation—before anything happens. It also provides that the federal government may use the power of eminent domain for land acquisition.

**Fact 1:** We haven't seen a plan or budget approved by Congress for additional land acquisition that clearly delineates what the beast entails.

**Fact 2:** In the absence of congressional approval, it's equally fitting that we tell the U.S. Department of Defense that we won't discuss anything further pending congressional green light.

**Fact 3:** Beyond environmental studies, we deserve receipt of a solid plan detailing expansion at the FC Ada International Airport and Pagan.

The last time we discussed military land needs was in 1972. The agreement was approved in 1975 but we haven't seen anything concrete on Tinian for the last 41 years. Without an approved plan by Congress, would the next ride take another 41 years?

As we move forward, it would be good to secure from the U.S. Navy what chemicals did they dump in 50-gallon drum cans in military designated dumps here.

My intuition continues to say some real heavy chemical pollutants were dumped here that eventually found their way into our water aquifer.

Is there a relationship between such dumping and pollution of the water system with the large increase of cancer among our people?

## Fidelity to representation

Mr. Segundo Castro's arguments lacked constructive and substantive refutation, though loaded with extraneous or disoriented rhetorical excess. The narrative remains fidelity to representation—no more, no less.

You alluded to "flowing with the tide" or servile coalescence as a matter of course. Not in my profession where the single most important journalistic responsibility is the search for the truth! This is where the mantle of integrity is put to the ultimate test. I ride the canoe of integrity in search of the truth and nothing would derail nor imperil my writing about it in straightforward fashion. Thus, the discovery of Kilili's Trojan horse that had to be exposed prominently too.

Furthermore, you alluded to the "American way of life." Are you referring to traditional or contemporary definition of "life" across the country? The former pertains to "rugged individualism" upon which rests American exceptionalism; the latter focuses on amassing entitlement programs resembling Obama's redistributionist policy.

To cave into coalescence simply means it's perfectly fine to roll out the red carpet towards the permanent annihilation of Chamorros and Carolinians in the perpetuation of their rights to effective home rule. It means the newcomers (14K kids in 10 years time) would dispose of the political landscape where the indigenous people become slaves right at home or victims of the tyranny of the new majority. Is this Kilili's vision in his obvious violation of fidelity to representation? People, this is "home," not just another place under the sun! Well, like the Chinese say, "May you live in interesting times."

It's all about indigenous freedom that requires our staying focused on the larger objectives, not just the battle that we're fighting at the moment. "When people have the spirit to reach for independent sovereignty…and show solidarity, it means the people can defeat the enemy," or to put it more simply, "nothing is more important than freedom"—indigenous freedom!

Finally, governance resides in the people, not in a pernicious agreement that emasculated self-government via the federalization of immigration and minimum wage. Why must we genuflect into permanent servility? Is this your definition of self-government, enslavement under the powerful vehicle of neocolonialism that includes the permanent marginalization of our people by non-indigenous voters changing life in these isles forever? I loathe anyone who ignores fidelity to representation and next year's election turns into an interesting time, right?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Get moving on legislative action

Dear lawmakers: On behalf of active members on Tinian and Rota, we would like to remind you all that it is in our best interest that you pass the legislative action to disburse our contributions as soon as possible.

I called the Retirement Fund office and they said that the piece of legislation the Legislature passed is not a legislative action but a resolution, which does not comply with the court order of this settlement agreement. Why are you drafting a legislative resolution that is delaying our refunds again?

You had almost one year to do that before this settlement agreement was reached and none of you took the lead to help us. Not even to let us participate in the court hearings. We had to find our own ways to be included. You never gave us a chance to have a voice in this settlement. The only thing that you included us in is to use us in gaining your interest.

The attorney general is supposed to represent our interest in this settlement agreement but instead he represents the interest of the government only.

What more do you want? Isn't it enough that you lost our retirement? Does this mean we have to worry again about this legislative action this court is ordering you to do? Do you know what you are doing to our lives?

Draft a legislative action to disburse our refund before Nov. 1, 2013. Stop drafting a resolution that will only delay the refunds. Follow the direction of the settlement agreement; otherwise we will file a complaint that you violated our constitutional rights by not following Public Law 17-82 as stated in the settlement agreement. Please for our sake, end this frustration and comply with the law for once. Be the leaders that you promised to be.

**Winnie Atalig**
*San Jose, Tinian*

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

**TODAY**

Cloudy and windy with numerous heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 25 to 35 mph with gusts to 45 mph.

▲83° ▼76°

**SATURDAY**

Partly sunny and breezy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 20 to 25 mph.

▲86° ▼76°

**SUNDAY**

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲87° ▼77°

**MONDAY**

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲87° ▼77°

**TUESDAY**

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲87° ▼77°

## Micronesia

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|---|---|---|---|
| Guam And Rota | Thunderstorms | ▲84 | ▼78 |
| Palau | Partly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼78 |
| Yap | Showers | ▲87 | ▼78 |
| Chuuk | Mostly Sunny | ▲86 | ▼77 |
| Pohnpei | Showers | ▲88 | ▼75 |
| Kosrae | Showers | ▲88 | ▼75 |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | ▲86 | ▼80 |

## Around The Globe

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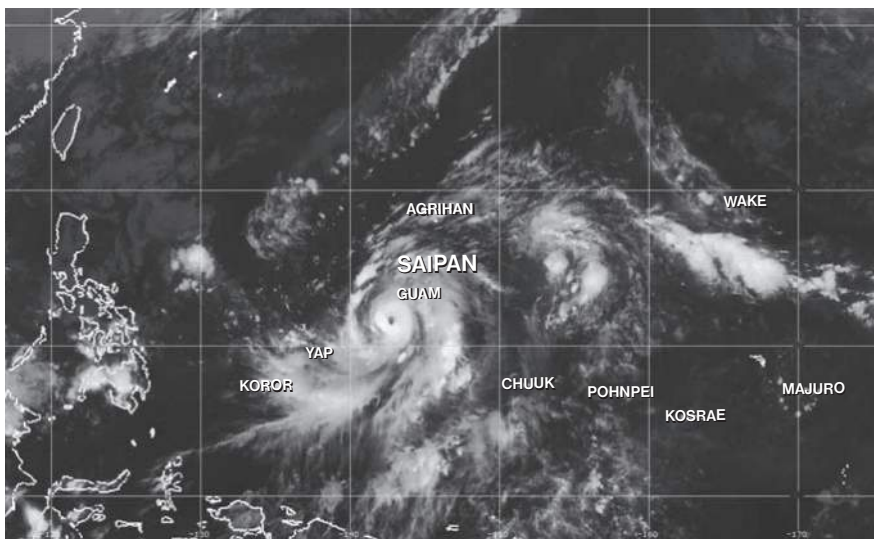
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Partly Cloudy | ▲66 | ▼58 |
| Beijing | Partly Cloudy | ▲68 | ▼47 |
| Hong Kong | Mostly Cloudy | ▲81 | ▼73 |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | ▲83 | ▼72 |
| London | Cloudy | ▲61 | ▼56 |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | ▲80 | ▼56 |
| Manila | Mostly Sunny | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Melbourne | Sunny | ▲72 | ▼49 |
| Miami | Partly Cloudy | ▲89 | ▼74 |
| New York | Sunny | ▲67 | ▼48 |
| Osaka | Cloudy | ▲73 | ▼61 |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | ▲65 | ▼52 |
| Pusan | Windy | ▲71 | ▼62 |
| Rome | Mostly Sunny | ▲74 | ▼56 |
| Salem | Sunny | ▲69 | ▼42 |
| San Francisco | Sunny | ▲76 | ▼53 |
| Seoul | Partly Cloudy | ▲69 | ▼50 |
| Tokyo | Mostly Cloudy | ▲67 | ▼59 |
| Washington, DC | Mostly Sunny | ▲69 | ▼53 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Francisco (26W) centered 205 miles southwest of Guam at 11N143E is drifting north at 5 mph with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph. Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms are found just southwest of Guam to Yap within 235 miles of a line from 7N139E to 12N145E. For more information on Typhoon Francisco, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and also public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ33 PGUM. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen north of Typhoon Francisco within 60 miles of a line from 17N136E to 25N143E. A circulation is centered east of Saipan near 14N152E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over the northern CNMI and farther east of the Marianas within 250 miles of a line from 18N147E to 11N159E. Converging south winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Pohnpei and Chuuk south of a line from 1N145E to 6N152E to 5N160E. A weak circulation is centered north-northeast of Majuro at 12N173E. A surface trough extends northwest from the circulation to west of Wake Island at 19N161E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found north of the trough and circulation within 170 miles of a line from 21N161E to 16N170E to 14N180.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1:58 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.1 Feet |
| 8:08 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 2:09 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.6 Feet |
| 7:49 PM | Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

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| Today | 6:09 AM | 5:55 PM |
| Saturday | 6:09 AM | 5:54 PM |
| Sunday | 6:10 AM | 5:54 PM |
| Monday | 6:10 AM | 5:53 PM |
| Tuesday | 6:10 AM | 5:53 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

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|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:20 PM | 5:11 AM |
| Saturday | 6:04 PM | 6:04 AM |
| Sunday | 6:50 PM | 6:58 AM |
| Monday | 7:36 PM | 7:51 AM |
| Tuesday | 8:24 PM | 8:42 AM |

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 8, 2013

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5070 | 4:35am | 5:25am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5062 | 4:50am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5068 | 8:35am | 9:25am | Daily |
| UA5074 | 11:20am | 12:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5076 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | Daily |
| UA5078 | 6:55pm | 7:45pm | Daily |
| UA5072 | 9:45pm | 10:35pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

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| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:40am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:20pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

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| 0Z608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

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| 0Z606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| 0Z606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 0Z604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

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| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 4:10am | 8:00am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)**

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| SYL9950 | 6:40pm | 1:30am+1 | 7 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

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| 0Z606/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| 0Z606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:35am | 9:55am | 6 via GUM |
| UA5062/191 | 4:50am | 9:55am | 3 via GUM |
| DL287/173 | 6:05am | 10:10pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT |
| UA5068/PR111 | 8:35am | 4:45pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5074/PR111 | 11:20am | 4:45pm | 1, 5, 7 via GUM |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| 0Z604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:45pm | Daily via ICN |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

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| 0Z606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| 0Z606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5076/147 | 3:10pm | 9:50pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| 0Z604/745 | 3:30pm | 10:40pm | Daily via ICN |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA 5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA5073 | 10:00am | 10:50am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5075 | 1:45pm | 2:35pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5077 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | Daily |
| UA5079 | 8:20pm | 9:10pm | Daily |

**GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 2:40am | 3:15am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5038 | 10:10am | 10:45am | 6 |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA5062 | 3:45am | 4:20am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5038 | 11:15am | 11:50am | 6 |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:05pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:15pm | 12:50am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 0Z603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| 0Z605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| 0Z605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 7:55pm | 3:10am+1 | 4, 7 |

**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

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| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| SYL9949 | 12:45pm | 5:20pm | 7 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| PR110/UA5072 | 7:35am | 6:25pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL172/288 | 7:55am | 12:50am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT |
| UA190/5079 | 10:55am | 9:10pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| 0Z702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| 0Z702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:35pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |
| 0Z704/603 | 11:45pm | 2:20pm+1 | Daily via ICN |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

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| 0Z746/603 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| 0Z722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| 0Z722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA180/5071 | 10:45pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |
| UA180/5071 | 10:50pm | 8:05am+1 | 3, 6 GUM |

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| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
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| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
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# Monkeying in the House

The House of Representatives initially approved House Joint Resolution 18-10, HD1 by 15 votes (The Constitution Violators Group), accepting the Betty Johnson settlement agreement in its entirety. The Senate amended HJR 18-10, HD1, which became HRJ 18-10, HD1, SS1 and the Senate returned it back to the House. The House approved HJR 18-10, HD1, SS1, which is an act of redemption to the House's initial acceptance of the Betty Johnson settlement agreement in its entirety and the right thing to do. The amendments are 1) to preserves the Legislature's sovereign rights under the Constitution and laws of the CNMI and the United States in approving parts of the settlement agreement in order to challenge the agreement in a court of law and 2) to refund active DB members contributions as mandated by P.L. 18-02 and P.L 17-82. It is mind-boggling as to why Gov. Inos agreed to the inclusion of P.L. 18-02 and P.L. 17-82 in the settlement agreement. Even without the settlement agreement, the NMI Retirement Fund should have refunded the contribution of the active DB members because it's the law. Again, the House is under pressure to reconsider what they did right just so they can satisfy the lawyers who are billing the CNMI multi-million dollars in legal fees. The only direction the fingers are to be pointed at is to the NMI Retirement Fund and Gov. Inos for failing to comply with P.L. 18-02 and P.L 17-82. The AG is part of the settlement agreement scheme so why would the House rely on the AG's communication to explain the problem with HJR 18-10, HD1, SS1? Have you guys forgotten (or perhaps you don't know) about your constitutional "separation of powers?" House members, stop monkeying in the House!

Perhaps some House members think that the settlement agreement is supreme than the NMI Constitution. I know of one House member from my Precinct 1 for he had made a very irresponsible public statement that he authored a bill that would set aside money to cover at least 75 percent of retirees' pension because those who opted out can't get more than what those in the settlement agreement is getting. I suggest that you read your Constitution manual, my good Precinct 1 representative! By the way, the Senate is protecting our rights under our NMI Constitution and they are not acting as scientists for amending HJR 18-10 HD1, for they did the right thing, contrary to a comment from a House member that was overheard in the halls of the Legislative Bureau that the Senate is acting as scientists when they amended HJR 18-10 HD1.

Food for thought for the 18th Legislature: When Betty Johnson filed her second amended complaint she was on the right track in her arguments. But all of a sudden, she turned 360 degrees, abandoned her second amended complaint to pursue settlement. All throughout the process of the settlement negotiation she continues to receive 100 percent of her pension. Retirees could have continued receiving their 100 percent pension for there is revenue-generation in the works. It's not even 2014 yet and the retirees are now receiving only 75 percent of their pension as class members and those who opted out 0 percent as of Oct. 15, 2013. All because of fear that funds will run out.

The Betty Johnson settlement agreement diminished our pension even way before 2014. We lost faith in ourselves and we submitted to our fears. Only the 18th Legislature can save the CNMI from the disastrous effect of this settlement agreement. Do you truly believe that the settlement agreement really don't violate our NMI Constitution? We expect nothing less from our elected leaders to do the right thing to solve this mess and have all retirees receive 100 percent of their pensions. It's our right!

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### Construction of the Kalabera Cave Development Project – Marpi, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of the Kalabera Cave Development Project – Marpi, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Friday, October 11, 2013 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $100.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Friday, October 18, 2013, 9:00AM ChST at the project site in Marpi. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST October 25, 2013 to Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked "**ITB14-GOV-002, Construction of the Kalabera Cave Development Project**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST November 12, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST November 12, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 12, 2013 and must be received no later than November 21, 2013 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST November 22, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 10:00 AM ChST November 12, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

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5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Two Hundred Forty (240) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by Two Hundred Forty (240) calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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# Questionable leadership

Leadership is the key to the success of any organization. It is especially important in higher education, where poor leadership can affect all stakeholders, including the surrounding community. When the actions of leadership rouses widespread discontent amongst stakeholders and the leadership alternately denies or ignores its own actions, not only does the leadership lose its effectiveness but also loses the trust of its stakeholders. President Hart's role in the changing of language in specific board policies, her alternating actions of denying involvement and ignoring the issues lead to the discovery of her acts of plagiarism, which resulted in the loss the trust of many stakeholders and eventually resulted in the fourth vote of no-confidence in her career.

In fall 2012, NMC's College Council repeatedly questioned the changes to institutional governance and related policies that were being proposed by President Hart. One of the most crucial was the removal of a sentence from Board Policy No. 200.1 (Institutional Governance) that ensured the autonomy of the Faculty Senate by the Board of Regents on April 17, 2012. When asked by College Council on Nov. 30, 2012, about her part in the removal of the sentence, Hart explained that the minutes of the Board of Regents inaccurately reflected her role, stating repeatedly that it "originated with regents. You should go back and listen to the tape." Members of College Council did just that (and more, which will be presented further on). The recording clearly showed that the initial concerns with the sentence originated from Hart; she had previously asked for it to be removed. When College Council wrote to Hart asking for an explanation, she chose to ignore the request; the first of many such requests to be ignored.

As stated above, some members of the College Council took it upon themselves to do more; they attempted to gain a deeper understanding of the varied views of institutional governance. One individual came across an article by Gary Olsen in *The Chronicles of Higher Education* titled "Run Your School." Recognizing it as being familiar, this person came to the realization of having read it before. It turned out that Hart's reply to College Council's request for her definition of shared governance had been cut and pasted from the article without any quotations, citations, or referencing. Hart's document was submitted to a plagiarism checking website, Turnitin.com, to verify similarities. This resulted in a finding that the document was 18 percent non-original, with 8 percent of it coming verbatim from Olsen's article. When asked in writing by College Council to explain this, Hart again chose to ignore the request, which was one of the many factors leading to the faculty of NMC holding a vote of no-confidence. In her defense, Hart did state to the Board of Regents that it was "just an oversight that has been corrected." The reader may find that the pattern of behavior demonstrated here indicates that this is not the first time Hart has been in this position.

The actions illustrated above turn out to be a reoccurring theme in Hart's career as a higher education administrator. According to an article from the *Hartford Courant*, Hart resigned from Middlesex Community College in Connecticut on Jan. 19, 2000, following a vote of no-confidence from the faculty in April 1999. Interestingly enough, an article from April 5, 2000, stated that many "members of the faculty were worried that her changes would hurt the academic program." The *Wahpenton Daily News* (North Dakota) from 2006 stated that in 2002 the faculty of NDSCS held a vote of no-confidence of Hart, which narrowly failed. However, in August of 2006, it was reported that a second vote of no-confidence was done and passed with a 95-1 vote. One faculty said this of the 2002 vote: "Then we were looked on as a self-serving faculty at that time. Now we have support." The reason for the vote in 2006 is one that is all too familiar: "Hart was not connecting with the public because she was often off campus and traveling."

The success of any organization relies greatly on the stakeholders' trust in and views of the ability of its leadership. Only negative results will occur when the behavior of the leadership acts contrary to integrity. Dr. Hart's leadership of NMC is plagued by awkward dishonest actions that negatively affect the institution, and NMC is not the first college she has damaged. If NMC is to remain a viable and accredited institution, people need to be aware that the track record of the current leadership, both here and at other colleges, is far from one that could be deemed as being conducive to success.

**Kyle Podziewski**
*San Vicente, Saipan*

## TERRORISM

*From Page 10*

phants traumatized by poachers. They are harming villagers and disadvantaged communities, who have been exploited by the poachers or forced into criminal activities.

It is expensive and logistically complicated for the Shabab to plan and carry out an attack, and the booming ivory trade is a very important source of funding. Consumers can impede the group by refusing to purchase ivory.

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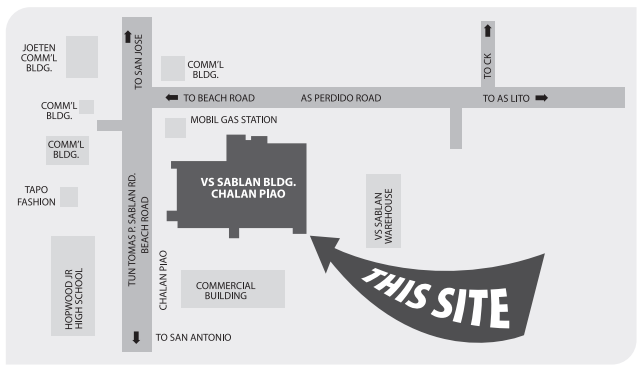

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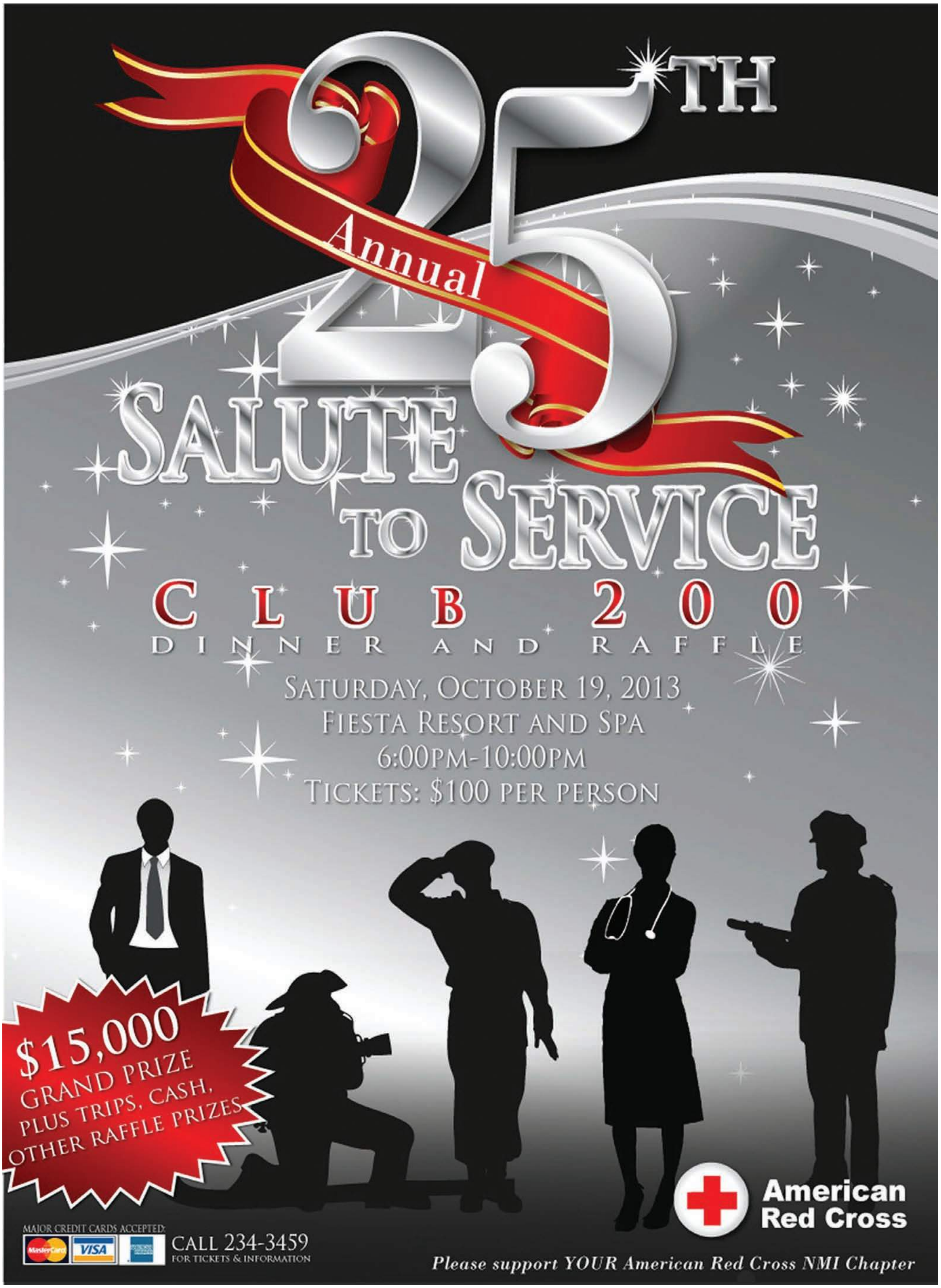
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## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday, Grandpa Calvo. With love, your grandchildren!

Advanced happy second month birthday to our son, Izaiah Blaze! It is going to be two months sharing every moment with you and we will forever cherish every second of it. It is a challenge and change for us, but anything for you. We love you, son!

Belated happy birthday to Magdalena "Maggie/Nencho" Cabrera, who celebrated her birthday on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013. Hope you had a joyous day surrounded by those you love, and may you be blessed all the days of your life. We love you! Greetings come from your grandchildren, your son Daniel, your entire family and all of your dear friends, especially your 1957 crew!

# 70th anniversary of Battles of Saipan, Tinian in 2014

Eight months from now, the Northern Marianas will be commemorating the 70th anniversary of D-Day in the Pacific.

The Commemoration Committee for the 70th Anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian will be holding a weeklong celebration of peace on June 10-16 on both islands of Saipan and Tinian with the theme "Reunion of Honor."

Coinciding with this slate of weeklong activities, the Northern Marianas Humanities Council will be having a history conference where academicians and historians will give presentations on the theme, "Cultures in War: Combatants, Islanders and Settlers in the Pacific War (WWII) and After."

The celebration will culminate on June 15, 2014, the 70th year of the invasion of Saipan.

An ecumenical service will kick off the celebration, to be followed by a parade that will include visiting American and Japanese veterans and their families.

At the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor, the committee will be holding a recognition ceremony honoring the veterans and their families.

Moreover, there will be a "fireside chat" with the veterans that will allow the younger generation to get to hear their personal accounts of the war and their stories of survival and hope.

Local families will also be afforded the opportunity to get to know them more through the Adopt-A-Vet program.

For those interested to take part in this historic occasion, the Military History Tours and Valor Tours have prepared their calendar chock full of activities including guided island tours to cultural and historic sites like the invasion beaches, coastal bunkers and caves, Japanese airfield landmarks surrounded by B-29 taxiways and accompanying parking "hardstands" and more. Visit their sites at www.miltours.com or at www.valortours.com.

Sponsors, volunteers and vendors are highly encouraged to take part in this historic occasion.

Visit the Marianas and be part of this historic celebration of peace and honor.

For more information, contact 70th Anniversary Battles of Saipan/Tinian Commemoration Committee chair Vicente "Ben" Camacho at 287-5351 or email at Vicente.camacho@gov.mp. *(PR)*

# CNMI Labor Department begins transformation

The merger of Workforce Investment Agency and the CNMI Department of Labor under Executive Order 2013-17 brings a new beginning for the Labor Department where accountability, performance, and department transformation becomes the new norm for success.

The department is focused on improving employment referrals for the unemployed, careful review and close monitoring of posted JVAs ensuring compliance with all current and applicable provisions of the NMI Administrative Code Chapter 80 Department of Labor Employment Rules and Regulations, to include active enforcement and hearing of cases brought before the CNMI DOL's Hearing Office, and close monitoring of online applicants responding to posted JVAs ensuring qualified job applicants are truly accorded the opportunity for employment.

In conjunction with CNMI Works! Target 2014 Task Force initiatives, positive changes are beginning to take shape such as keeping the Division of Employment Services for job placements open from 7:30am to 4:30 pm. The department has also increased enforcement with 37 current open cases, has seen an increased traffic of unemployed online registrants with to date count at 1,742 registered and of this number 1,197 are ONET classified and work-ready while 545 are pending ONET and work-ready classifications. These 1,197 ONET and work-ready individuals will be referred to employers. The department is working diligently in closing the gap of pending classifications and is determined to keep current as individuals register, bringing employment referrals at an accelerated JVA response time with the ability to provide real-time data information.

CNMI DOL encourages all unemployed to visit www.marianaslabor.net to apply for posted JVAs, provided one is registered. If not, register to be able to access and apply for jobs online. Registrants are also encouraged to constantly keep registered information current not just for the department to contact individuals for employment referrals but also for employers trying to make contact with them for interviews. ***(Office of the Governor)***


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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on **Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

**I. PRELIMARY MATTERS**
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adopt of Minutes
  - i. August 1, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - ii. September 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - iii. October 3, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- a. Division Monthly Reports
- b. Update on CDBG Matters
- c. Update on Program and Housing Division Matters
- d. Update on LIHTC Program
  - 1. Tasi Homes, LLC
- e. Update on Mortgage & Credit Division Matters
  - 1. Loans for Review and Approval

**IV. FIELD OFFICE REPORTS**
- a. Rota Field Office
- b. Tinian Field Office

**V. FISCAL AFFAIRS**
- a. Financial Statements
- b. Fiscal Division Audit Reports for July & August 2013

**VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VIII. OTHER MATTERS**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

*(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)*

**/s/MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
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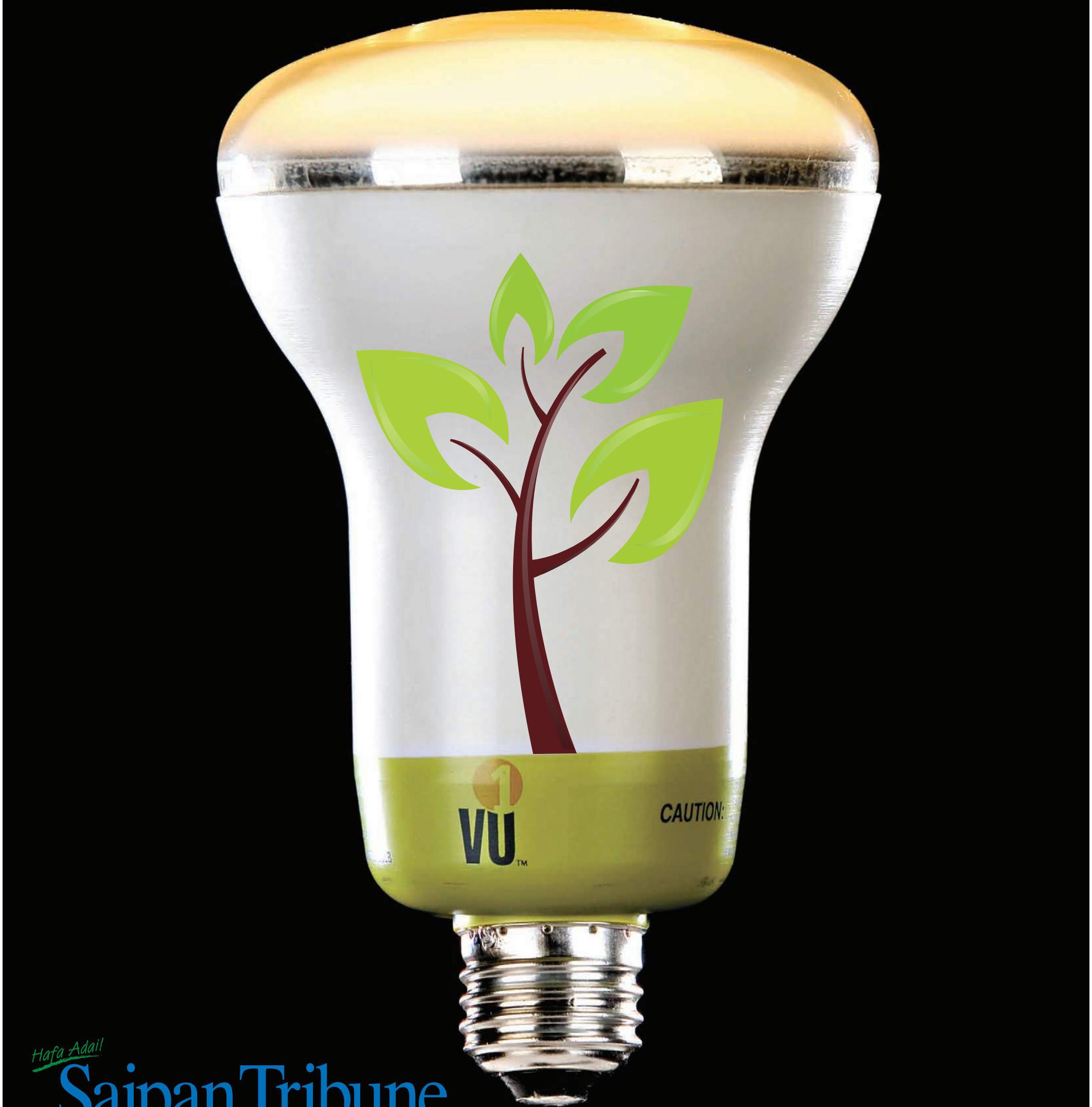


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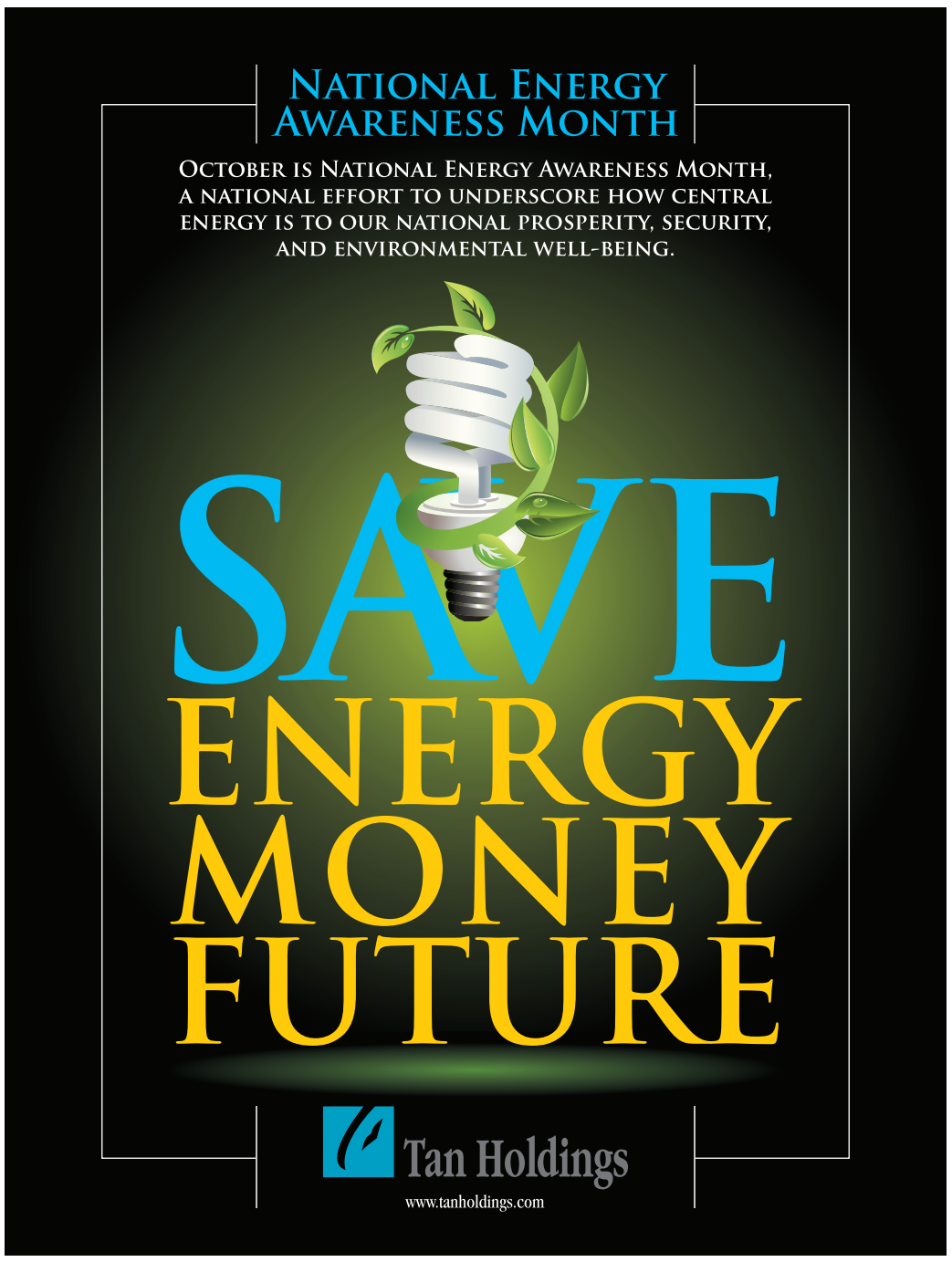
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# Large appliances: Repair or replace?

By ANGIE HICKS
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When the fridge goes warm or the washing machine stops spinning, you may face a crucial question: Is it worth spending time and money getting an appliance repaired, or would it be wiser to replace it?

The answer depends on numerous factors. Our consumer-services research team, in talking to top-rated appliance repair professionals from around the country, recommends these guidelines for deciding:

■ Check the troubleshooting section of the instruction manual. You may discover an easy fix that might negate the need to call a repair person.

■ Consider the age and history of the appliance. Has it broken down before? If you've not had prior problems, it may be cost-effective to explore repair options first.

■ In many cases, it can be worth the money to call a repair pro out, even if you have to pay for a service call. A reliable appliance expert can examine the device and explain your options.

■ If a repair is estimated to cost more than half the price of a new appliance and the unit is more than 6 or 7 years old, it may be time to buy a new one.

When comparing a repair estimate to the cost of replacement, be sure to factor in all costs, including whether there will need to be retrofitting or other accommodations if a replacement doesn't easily fit in your kitchen. Consider any costs for removal, installation and disposal. Also, determine how soon any energy savings will offset the cost of a new appliance.

Our researchers hear frequently about situations in which a repair saved a consumer significant money over the cost of replacement. One recent example featured a Maryland member of Angie's List who considered replacing his 15-year-old refrigerator when water leaked from the bottom.

The top-rated repair service he hired found that the leak was caused by a clogged defrost drain in the freezer, easily repaired for $99. The service provider estimated the fridge would last another five or six years with the fix, compared to a cost of $1,500 or more to buy a new fridge.

Other common problems that can be affordably repaired include dishwashers or washing machines clogged by too much residual soap, and appliances in need of new fan motors, belts and electronic controls.

More extensive, expensive repairs that might signify that replacement is a better option include issues with the refrigerant system or compressor with fridges, or broken motors on washers and dryers.

If you don't know a reliable appliance repair professional, check with neighbors, friends or online review services to see who's locally well-reviewed. Check how long the company has been in business and how much inventory its workers carry on trucks, as well as how quickly a technician can be sent out.

One way to reduce the need for hiring appliance repair services is to take good care of your large appliances. Our team suggests these tips for keeping appliances running longer:

■ Clean refrigerator condenser coils annually.

■ Don't overload dishwashers or washing machines.

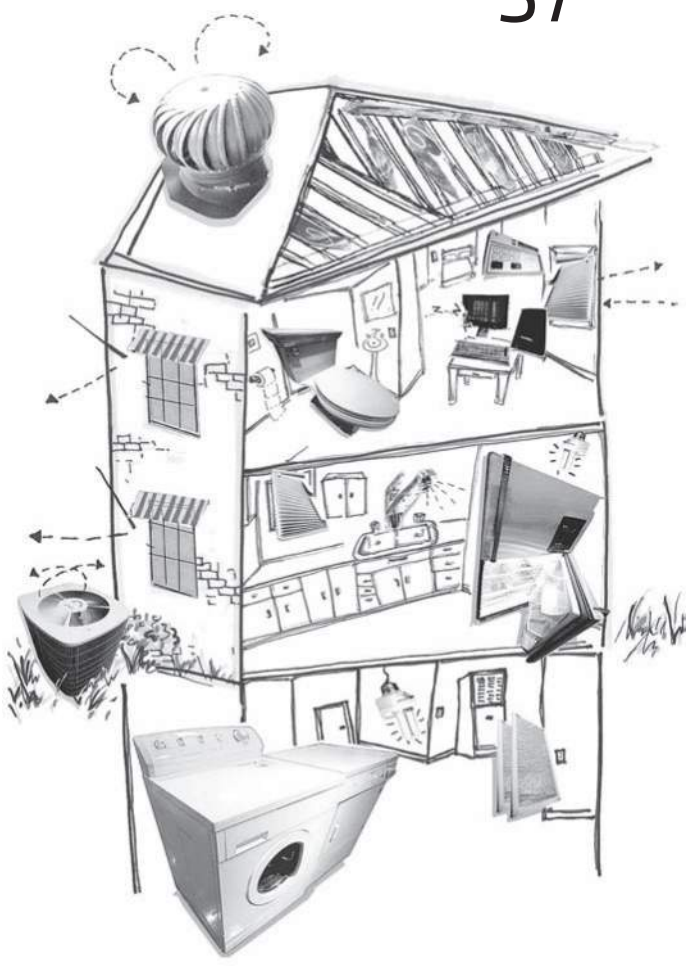
■ Clean the dishwasher's filter to remove debris and hard-water deposits. Make sure spray holes in the spinning arms are debris-free.

■ Clean the dryer's lint filter before each use. Inspect and thoroughly clean the exhaust duct annually.

■ Don't allow grease to build up on your stove or oven.

■ Check air filters monthly and replace as needed.

# Fuel and energy savings tips for your car, power, and home



## GASOLINE

**1 Reduce the number of trips you make. Walk, bicycle or jog when you can. The exercise will do you good.**

**2 Maintain your vehicle**

■ Change oil regularly and use the correct grade of oil. Fresh, clean oil means less friction and a more efficient running engine. Saves about 5 cents per gallon (1-2 percent).

■ Clean or replace your air filter. A clean filter allows your engine to breath better and run stronger. Saves about 12 cents per gallon (10 percent).

■ Correct your tire pressure. Low tire pressure creates drag, slowing your vehicle down; too much pressure and you might lose control. Saves about 9 cents per gallon (3 percent).

■ Have your tires balanced at least once a year and have your alignment checked at the same time, or if you notice your vehicle starting to "drift."

■ Watch for uneven tire wear; it is an indication that your alignment is not right.

■ Other mechanical problems such as worn steering or suspension parts will put a strain on your vehicle's ability to roll smoothly and reduce miles per gallon.

■ Check for fluid leaks that might cause components to heat up and slow you down.

■ Are your brakes in good shape? A sticking brake caliper is like dragging an anchor around behind you. Check them regularly.

■ Make sure your gas cap fits tight and has a good seal, to avoid spills and prevent gas from evaporating.

■ Follow the manufacturer's maintenance guidelines for items such as sparkplug, drive belt, and fluid change intervals,

**3 Reduce load and drag**

■ Take out heavy objects. Added weight takes more energy to carry around. Remove your golf bag, bowling balls, and other heavy items if you don't need them

■ Do you really need that roof rack? If not, think about taking it off. It creates drag and reduces your miles per gallon.

■ Turn off the air conditioner. If it is not raining, roll the windows down.

■ Air conditioners create and additional load on the engine and reduce MPGs.

■ An open sunroof disrupts the air flow around a vehicle and lowers gas mileage.

■ A good point to remember is that the more "things" you turn on (wipers, lights, radio, air conditioner, etc.) the more energy you are using.

**4 Drive smart. Or drive like you mother is in the car with you…**

■ With your car in park and the engine running, you get zero miles per gallon. If you are going to sit for a while, turn the engine off.

■ Don't rush from a stop. Accelerate at a reasonable rate and then maintain the speed limit. Keep your RPMs low, around 1500.

■ Look ahead. If you see other vehicles stopping, let off the gas and coast. Constant braking and accelerating waste gas.

■ Don't tailgate. Leave enough room to coast when traffic is heavy, again saving gas by reducing braking and acceleration.

■ Don't use cruise control going uphill. Use your foot on the gas pedal to control the speed going up and remember, you don't need to fly up the hill.

■ If you are going to accelerate to go up a hill, accelerate before you reach the hill, not while you are going up.

■ Slow down. Maintaining an even speed in a low gear saves a lot of gas; again, try to keep the RPMs below 1500.

■ Keep your speed below 40 mph. At over 40 mph, wind resistance increases forcing your engine to work harder and use more gas.

■ Don't rev your engine. You aren't going anywhere, so why bother?

■ Keep your foot off of the brake pedal and/or clutch unless you need them. Even resting your foot on the pedal will cause the parts to fail faster and create additional drag on your vehicle.

■ Avoid rough roads whenever possible. Traveling on dirt and gravel roads eats up a lot of gas.

■ If you do have to idle for a long time (traffic light, etc.), shift your automatic transmission into neutral. That will allow the transmission to cool and cause less strain on the engine.

■ Park so you are facing in a forward direction when you leave. The simple act of backing up uses additional gas.

■ Park in the shade or a garage whenever possible. Gas expands and will evaporate through the emission control vents on a hot day.

■ Combine errands. Schedule trips to the post office, cleaners, hardware store, and the grocery store. Ask yourself, "Is this trip necessary?"

■ Leave a little earlier so that you can drive slower, save gas and still get there on time.

■ Coast downhill. Take your foot off of the accelerator.

■ Avoid rush hour traffic if you can. Leave a little sooner or a little later.

**5 Combine forces with friends and family**

■ Carpool with your coworkers when practical.

■ If you own more than one vehicle, use the most fuel efficient one for errands.

**6 Get rid of your gas guzzler**

■ When shopping for a new (or used) vehicle, research how fuel efficient it is, it could save you between $500 to $1,200 a year in gas.

■ Research the new hybrid vehicles. Would one be right for your needs?

■ If nothing else, switch to regular gasoline instead of premium. Most vehicles have a knock sensor, it may cause your engine to ping a little and you will lose a little power, but you will save about $8 a fill up.

■ Avoid overfilling your gas tank, and don't let the attendant do it for you. When the gas nozzle stops, your tank is full; any more will slosh out and be wasted.

■ Buy gas in the morning. Gas pumps measure volume, cooler engine is denser. In the afternoon, the gas expands and will get less;

■ Don't let your vehicle

*See FUEL on Next Page*

# IP&E reformulates fuel for improved performance on Saipan

Shell through IP&E, has formulated a gasoline specifically for Saipan.

After months of extensive research of the market and unique driving conditions that exist on Saipan, a unique formulation of Shell V-Power was created and is now exclusively available on Saipan.

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Brian Bamba, senior vice president for IP&E, Shell's licensee in the Marianas stated, "We decided to create a fuel for Saipan specifically designed for the driving conditions here."

He explained that the frequent stop and go driving and hill climbing creates conditions that accelerate the buildup of deposits on intake valves and fuel injectors. Because of that, performance diminishes and the engine is less efficient. The result is poorer gas mileage and increased emissions.

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Shell V-Power is the finest petroleum product available on Saipan today. The newly reformulated fuel will be available for sale on Saipan beginning today, Oct. 18, 2013. ***(IP&E)***

## FUEL

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"warm up" for long periods of time; 10 to 15 seconds is fine. Newer vehicles don't need to be "warmed up."

■ If you are driving a manual transmission vehicle, get into the highest possible gear as soon as practical, but don't "lug" the engine.

■ Drive at a steady speed, speeding up and slowing down wastes fuel.

■ Smaller vehicles weigh less and are more fuel efficient.

■ When shopping for a new (or used) vehicle, consider one with a light exterior color. Lighter colors reflect heat and take less energy to cool.

### ELECTRICITY

**1 Water Heating**

■ Lower the temperature of your water heater to 120 – 130 degrees or lower if you are comfortable with it.

■ Put a timer on the heater or turn off the circuit breaker when you don't need hot water.

■ Repair leaking faucets—especially hot water faucets.

■ Install low flow shower heads and faucets around the house.

■ Dishwashers use less hot water than hand washing, if you run full loads and use a short cycle.

■ Wrap your electrical water heater with additional insulation.

■ Purchase a solar water heater. They can save you hundreds of dollars a moth!

**2 Refrigerators and Freezers**

■ Make sure the seals on the doors are in good shape and clean. Cracked or worn seals mean wasted electricity.

■ Do not cover shelves with paper or foil; that prevents air circulation and reduces the cooling process.

■ Clean the condenser coils under the unit every few months. Dust acts as insulator and reduces the cooling capacity.

■ Thaw or partially thaw frozen food in the refrigerator before cooking.

■ Do not pack too much into the units. Air needs to circulate to ensure all the food is cooled properly and stays safe to eat.

**3 Stoves and Microwaves**

■ If you are cooking small amounts or reheating food, use the microwave.

■ If you are cooking on the stove, use the smallest pot or pan practical; why heat more than you need.

■ Plan over made meals so that you can cook two or more dishes at the same time.

■ When oven cooking, look through the glass instead of opening the door. Too much heat escapes when the door is opened.

■ Turn the oven or stove off a few minutes before the food is done. The residual heat will allow the cooking to finish and give you a headstart on the cooling process.

■ Consider purchasing a gas stove/oven

**4 Lights**

■ If you don't need it, turn it off. That applies to other electrical equipment as well: TVs, computers, etc.

■ Use a lower watt bulb.

■ Compact florescent bulbs use 75percent less energy and last 10 time longer than incandescent bulbs and burn cooler.

■ Use those tiny bulbs at Christmas.

■ LED night lights are far more efficient than leaving a larger light on at night.

**5 Laundry**

■ Use a cold water rinse after washing. Rinsing in hot water won't make the clothes any cleaner.

■ Dry full loads (not too much, not too little) and dry loads one after to retain the heat for as long as possible.

■ Consider purchasing a gas dryer.

**6 Air Conditioning**

■ Whenever possible use a fan, not the air conditioner. Open the windows and doors to create circulation.

■ Use sunshades to block direct sunlight coming in from exposed windows.

■ If you need the air conditioner for health needs, run it at a lower fan setting and raise the temperature slightly (a degree or two should help)

■ When at home, wear shorts and a light fabric shirt. It will help keep you keep cool.

■ Use the timer on your air conditioner. Set it to turn off about 30 minutes before your alarm clock starts.

**7 Computers, TVs and other fun things**

■ If you are not printing, turn the printer off! Just flick the switch. Printers are always in a "Read Mode" and use a lot of energy.

■ If you are not using the computer, turn it off. A computer and printer left on will use as much energy as a microwave oven cooking all day

■ Plug TVs, VCRs and DVD players into a power strip and turn it off when not in use. They are always in a "ready" mode and eat energy all day and night.

■ Gameboy, PS2 and other video game devices played on your television use energy too. Turn them off when not in use.

■ Hair dryers with heater coils consume a massive amount of energy. If you must use a hair dryer, use one without a heater.

**8 Fans**

■ Place room fans on a low setting and aimed towards the floor to facilitate the circulation of cooler air, from one areas to another.

■ Ceiling fans are great for air circulation. On Saipan the ceiling fan blades should push the air downward to move the cooler air around.

■ Exhaust fans (in the kitchen or bathroom) should be used sparingly, as they remove air from a room and force it outside.

**9 Measure efficiency of your home**

■ Conduct an electrical energy audit. Ask your sales associate to email you a copy of a simple energy audit. It is not a professional audit, but will give you a good idea of how you are doing. You will need Microsoft Excel to view and use the worksheet.

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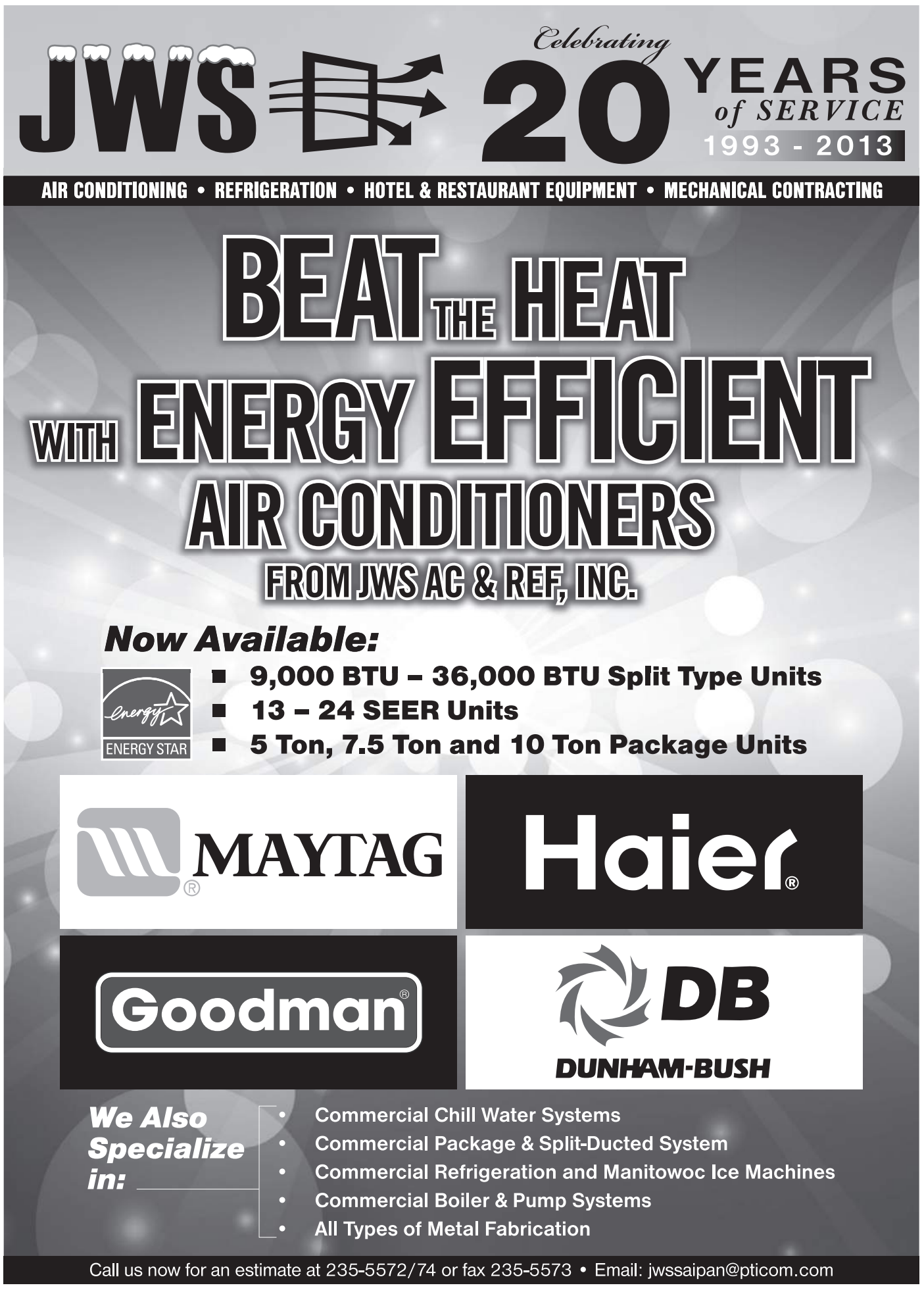
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Consider these interventions if you'd like to see your water bill evaporate, rather than your paycheck.

## HIGH-EFFICIENCY WASHERS

Top-loading washers need to float clothes in a water bath to create a back-and-forth agitation. The tumbling motion of front-loading machines typically uses less water, according to the California Urban Water Conservation Council.

Washers that have the Energy Star label can use about 35 percent less water and about 20 percent less energy than machines without the rating.

The LG Electronics large-capacity, front-loading washer is designed to save water and energy by automatically setting the water level and length of the wash cycle based on the weight and size of your load. LG's 3.6 cubic foot, large-capacity model received Energy Star's "most efficient" designation in 2012. The machine sells for $719 at The Home Depot.

## FLOW RESTRICTORS

Faucets and showerheads that slow the flow of water can cut water use and costs. Federal law requires that shower heads restrict flow to at least 2.5 gallons per minute. The best models deliver that lighter stream but fool you into thinking nothing's changed. That's the idea behind Delta's In2ition showerheads, which control the speed and movement of water and spray larger drops. This showerhead also has a pause feature that cuts use to a trickle while you shave or lather your hair. Prices start at about $239 and vary depending on the style and finish.

Look for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense label for fixtures that reduce water use by 30 percent or more compared to nonrated faucets and aerators. Moen's faucets, like others in the high-efficiency class, use only 1.5 gallons per minute, compared to the standard of 2.2 gallons.

## DUAL-FLUSH TOILETS

Toilets are a major source of indoor water use in most homes,

at about 30 percent on average. An old toilet can use as much as 6 gallons per flush, compared to the current federal standard of 1.6 gallons. The newest models can perform even better, some using only 1.28 gallons or less, according to the EPA. The Caroma Somerton dual flush toilet, available at Green Depot for $399, is in that top-performing class, using 1.28 gallons for a full flush and .9 gallons for a half flush. The design meets standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Its wider trap is designed to reduce clogs.

## SHOWER TIMER

One of the easiest ways to cut water use is to make a conscious effort. A shower timer can help. This one, priced at $1.35 from Niagara Conservation, gets flipped over when the water goes on and tells you when five minutes have passed. A suction cup holds the timer in place.

## WATER-CONSERVING PLANTS

To save money outdoors, choose plants that thrive with moderate to small drinks of water. Experts for the garden centers at Lowe's stores recommend lantana, verbena, salvia, zinnia and rudbeckia, to name a few. See a more complete list of water-conserving plants and tips for Xeriscaping your yard at http://low.es/119zHtY. Other ways to conserve water in the garden include mixing compost and manure into the soil so it retains water. Use mulch around your plants to prevent weeds and moisture evaporation.

## RAIN CATCHERS

A half inch of rain falling on a 1,000-square-foot roof can amount to about 300 gallons of water. Collecting runoff and using it in the garden or landscape is not a new concept, but stylish designs and accessories for rain catchers are an exciting twist. The 65-gallon polyethylene Rainwater Urn ($179 from Gardener's Supply Co.) has a brass spigot, a 6-foot hose with a shut-off valve and removable planting tray on top. Gardener's Supply Co. also sells a portable cedar rain barrel stand ($110) that makes it easier to use the spigot, which is typically at the bottom of the barrel.

## STOP THE DRIPS

Water scarcity is a global problem that reaches into our own homes and backyards. Visit these sites to learn more and how you can make a difference:

- The Water Project and water scarcity in the United States: http://bit.ly/192hCQq.
- EPA's WaterSense program: http://1.usa.gov/dfP12R.
- Energy Star program: www.energystar.gov.



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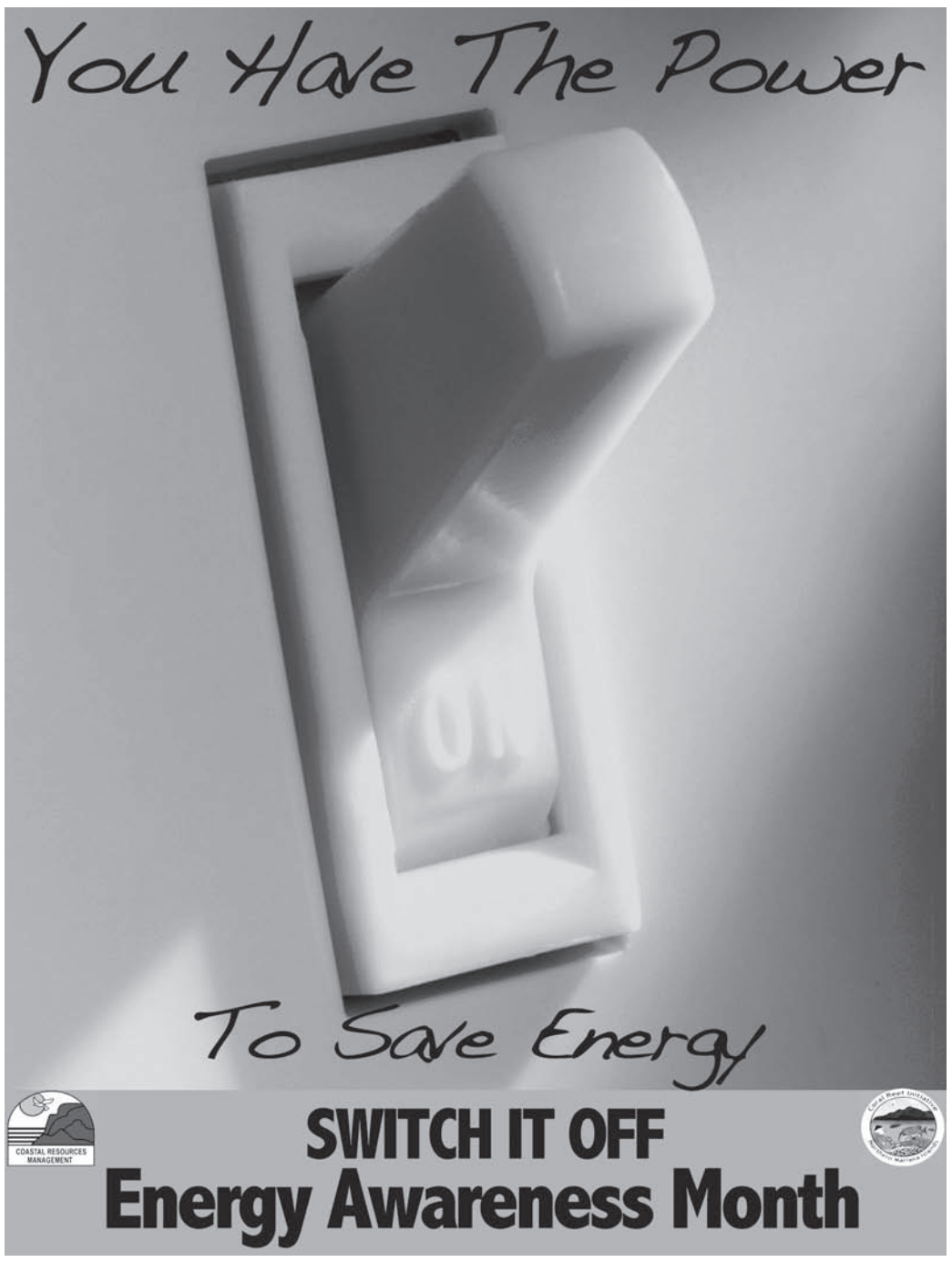


# To save on electricity, check home's energy efficiency

By DOREEN HEMLOCK
SUN SENTINEL

To save money on electric bills, consider a tip from Broward Health Medical Center. The sprawling Fort Lauderdale, Fla., hospital has cut more than $250,000 from its electric bill in the past year by keeping an eye on how efficiently it uses energy.

The hospital works with a three-year-old energy company, Entic of Pembroke Pines, Fla., to check on its air-conditioning system. Entic uses software to monitor how well commercial air-conditioners run. It notifies customers of changes in performance, so they can fix problems and boost efficiency.

A fix to a simple valve in the hospital's chillers has provided the bulk of savings to date.

"Entic offered us new technology that helped us peer inside the system and find where we were wasting energy," said Diana Dominguez, facilities services manager at the massive hospital that employs 3,200 people and often spends more than $300,000 per month for electricity during the summer.

**Diani Dominguez of the Broward Health Medical Center works with Carlos Diaz of Entic to monitor the hospital's energy use to increase efficiency and save money. They are shown at the hosptial's chiller plant in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on July 2, 2013.**
SUN SENTINEL/MCT

## ARE YOU WASTING ENERGY?

To boost your energy efficiency, consider:

- An energy audit.
- Routine maintenance, such as changing air-conditioner filters and cleaning ducts.
- When systems need replacing, switch to more energy-efficient technology, such as light-emitting diode or LED bulbs.

*Sources: Florida Power & Light, Entic, Habify, Weatherol*

Homeowners and small businesses have numerous options to check the efficiency of their air-conditioning and electrical systems to minimize their energy waste.

Households and small businesses can hire specialized companies or utilities for energy audits. Audits can show, for example, if cooled air is leaking out of ducts or windows and suggest ways to boost performance of energy systems.

Carlos Diaz, co-founder of Entic, draws analogies to cars. When gas was cheap, no one cared about miles per gallon. But now that drivers pay nearly $4 per gallon, that's a common measurement that motorists use in deciding what vehicle to buy and to check how well their cars are running.

"The key is to measure efficiency," said Diaz, 37, a specialist in information technology. "You don't have to invest big dollars to achieve peak performance."

Chris Block, a principal with Habify of Coral Gables, Fla., conducts energy audits for homes and businesses and also makes home improvements. He said the biggest savings on electric bills can come from sealing holes in ducts or around windows or walls to keep cool air from seeping out.

"You can have the most energy-efficient air-conditioning system in the world, but if your duct system is in need of repair, then your air-conditioning is just going out the window," said Block.

He also suggests the use of digital thermostats that can be programmed to raise temperatures when no one is home or shut off appliances when not in use and other functions to reduce unneeded energy use.

Block does not recommend customers buy more energy-efficient appliances if theirs still work. Instead, check that existing air-conditioners, washers, dryers and other devices work at peak efficiency. That means cleaning the air-conditioning filters regularly and ensuring other routine maintenance.

"People tend to look at maintenance as an afterthought," lamented Carlos Borja, who runs Weatherol of Miami, an air-conditioning servicer that uses Entic technology for its commercial customers. Too few check that sensors, valves and computer systems are working well to keep electricity flowing properly.

At Broward Health, managers also are turning to more efficient lighting to save on energy.

The hospital is installing light-emitting diodes or LED bulbs that use less energy and last far longer than cheaper, incandescent or compact-fluorescent bulbs. Households can follow suit, experts said.

"You can't just focus on one thing to save," said Borja. "You need a systemic approach."

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# House is first in nation to meet water-saving standards

By WADE RAWLINS
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

**CHAPEL HILL, N.C.**—A new house in North Carolina that uses innovative water-saving appliances and construction design was recognized Tuesday by federal environmental leaders as the nation's first to meet standards of a new program promoting water efficiency.

The 2,560-square-foot model home in the Briar Chapel community, just south of Chapel Hill, includes numerous water-efficiency features, including low-flow faucets, dual-flush toilets, insulated hot water lines and a recirculating hot water system so that people run less water waiting for it to get warm. Even the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency came from Washington to look at all the features.

"Water is a resource we're going to have to preserve," said Kip Guyon, president of Vanguard Homes, which built the house. "Our incentive was to be a leader in the business."

The house's water-efficient design meets the voluntary specifications to be certified as a WaterSense home. The program, introduced by the EPA in 2006, makes it easier for consumers to identify water-efficient appliances, much like the more familiar Energy Star program does with energy-efficient appliances.

Cary, N.C.-based Vanguard Homes, one of seven builders participating in the pilot WaterSense program, is building about 75 houses in the 1,600-acre Briar Chapel community, all of which will meet the water-efficiency guidelines.

"All of the hot water lines in the house are insulated with one-inch foam insulation, which prevents heat loss as the water runs through the pipes," said Robert Smart, vice president of construction for Vanguard Homes. "That's a big one."

That means water stays warmer longer and people turning on the faucet run less water waiting for it to get warm.

The dishwasher is 41 percent more water-efficient than conventional dishwashers and the front-loading clothes washer is 82 percent better.

Dual-flush toilets give people the option of using more or less water when flushing, depending on which way they turn the handle. That can accommodate small flush jobs or big ones.

Smart said the base price for a water-efficient home of this design is $319,900 and prices range from $260,000 to about $450,000. The basic water-efficiency features in the WaterSense program add about $3,000 to $5,000 to the cost, depending on the size of the home, he said.

"It doesn't have to cost a fortune," Smart said. "We certainly feel like we're adding well beyond that in value. The homeowner would realize reduced water and energy costs."

Stephen Johnson, administrator of the EPA, said the homes built to WaterSense guidelines are designed to use about 20 percent less water than a conventional house.

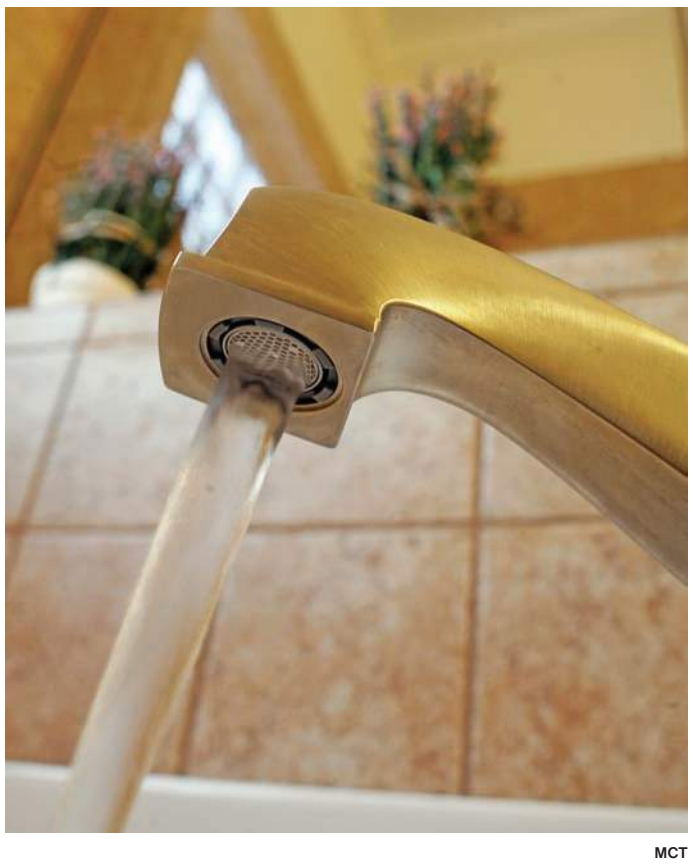
"We wanted to encourage Americans to no longer take water for granted," said Johnson, after touring the model home. "The home you see today in the future for our nation. We want more homes built like this one."

A 20 percent more water efficient home means that homeowners can reduce their water usage about 10,000 gallons of water a year and save on their power bills.

"If you had a swimming pool in the backyard, that's enough to fill a swimming pool," Johnson said. If half the houses in North Carolina were built with similar water efficiency designs, he said, the state could save more than 300 million gallons per year.

Johnson said about 500 models of faucets bearing the WaterSense seal are now on the market and 200 models of toilets to replace inefficient fixtures.

"These are commonsense things every consumer can do," Johnson said. "You don't have to build an entire house."



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**Water-efficient faucets are one of the ways a home in the Briar Chapel neighborhood of Chatham County, North Carolina, conserves an estimated 10,000 gallons of water each year.**

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# Family on quest to cut energy use by half

By CYNTHIA SEWELL
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

**BOISE, Idaho**—Pete Skenandore has a new perspective on grocery shopping.

Before, he'd push a cart full of groceries from the store to the car, drive home with his air-conditioner blasting, and carry the bags from the garage to the kitchen. Pretty much like everybody else.

Loading the groceries into a small two-wheeled cart attached to a bicycle and then pedaling down Meridian, Idaho's Fairview Avenue and Meridian Road under a hot sun—now, that's a challenge.

"It gives new meaning to bringing home the bacon," Skenandore quipped.

The new lifestyle began July 11, when the Skenandores embarked on a monthlong quest to reduce their fuel, energy and water use by half.

The idea was a whim, Christelle Skenandore said, sparked during a recent family "walk and talk"—a regular family outing where the five of them share what is going on in each other's lives.

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**As a way to conserve energy and cut costs, Pete and Christelle Skenandore and their children, from left, Caitlyn, Brandon and Blake, are trying to cut their energy and water bills in half in Meridian, Idaho.**

The Skenandores brainstormed ideas on how they could "amp it up a little" and have a new, meaningful family experience.

The next day they stowed the car in the garage, turned off the air conditioner and launched a Web site to blog and track their 30-day experience.

Christelle Skenandore called Idaho Power, United Water and Intermountain Gas companies, and each told her what to look for on their home's meters to see if the family's efforts are working. On Aug. 10, they will see how well they did.

The Skenandores' motivation extends beyond improving the planet and fattening their pocketbook. It is about connecting with their new home.

"We are falling in love with this community," Christelle Skenandore, 37, said.

They moved to Boise from the Seattle area five months ago, drawn to the Treasure Valley's quality of life, she said. And the Skenandores feel they have a responsibility to help maintain that quality of life.

"We love the clean air, the clean water. Now we have to do our part to help keep it that way," she said. They want to instill that awareness and appreciation of community in their kids.

Caitlyn, 8, suggested turning off the water while brushing their teeth and walking or biking everywhere.

Blake, 17, and Brandon, 16, who are in the heyday of teenage driving, may have given up the most of any family member by offering to toss the cars keys aside and haul out their skateboards and bicycles. "We realized we rely on the car a lot," Brandon said, especially for short simple trips like going to the store or a nearby friend's house.

"Our car has now been parked for 6 days!" reads the daily blog report for July 17.

Pete Skenandore, 42, works from home, which he thinks gives him an unfair advantage over workers who commute.

To be fair, and to prove it is not always necessary to drive a car to work, Pete decided to "commute" to work every day.

"This morning me and my guilty feelings have started commuting to work," he wrote on his blog. "It's about a 40-minute bike ride door to door. And yes, it's the same door. My door. To my house. I'm commuting to my own house. Twice a day." Before last week, the family bicycles got little use. Now they are called into action daily, which has brought about an unexpected result. The Skenandores are whittling down not only their energy bills but also their waistlines. By halving their car use, they are doubling their exercise.

"I really feel great," Pete said.

Another pleasant surprise is increased family communication.

The blog, regular check-ins, friendly reminders to turn off a light, walking to the store together instead of one person dashing out in the car, more careful planning of errands and outings—they've brought an already close family even closer.

At night, instead of going to their respective rooms and turning on the lights to read or work on the computer, they gather in one room to share the lighting.

Christelle and Pete recently made a late-night run to the grocery store for milk, a typically banal chore.

On the Web site, Christelle noted the moment: "I felt like a kid again being out on our bikes when the streetlights were on. I started laughing because I was doing this with my husband and it was just fun."


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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES**

**TINIAN HARBOR SEAWATER FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-13**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Design Services.

The general scope of work is for A/E design services for design of seawater fire-fighting system for the Tinian Harbor, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. These services will include an assessment of the existing conditions and design of a new seawater fire-fighting system to be installed at the Tinian Harbor including plans, specifications and estimates for the anticipated repair work and improvements.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
2. A/E Design experience related to CPA projects;
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with seaport projects;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for seaport projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2013**.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to: Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
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/s/ THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ Date: October 4, 2013
Acting Board Chairman/Contracting Officer



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**INVITATION TO BID**

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Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.
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**/s/ Pedro A. Tenorio**
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**PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF A NEW SEAWATER FIRE PUMP AND ELECTRIC DRIVEN MOTOR**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CPA-RFP-001-14**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting cost proposal for the procurement and delivery of a new Seawater Fire Pump and Electric Driven Motor for its Seaport Operation.

The location and scope of work package is available beginning October 11, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Procurement and Delivery of a new Seawater Fire Pump and Electric Driven Motor-CPA-RFP-001-14." One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, October 31, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE USED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT CPA-PAN-004-13**

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority will sell at Public Auction, October 24th, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. used vehicles and equipment.

The used vehicles and equipment may be inspected at the Saipan International Airport by contacting Mr. Edward B. Mendiola or Juan C. Tudela at telephone numbers 237-6500/6505.

The schedule of vehicles and equipment may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning September 27, 2013.

The auction shall be made individually. Minimum bids are set for some of the vehicles.

All vehicles and equipment are sold "As Is" and "Where Is" and without Warranty. The successful bidder is required to pay 20% down payment at CPA Accounting Office on acceptance of bid. Balance shall be payable within 5 calendar days from auction closing date. Failure to pay will result in the forfeiture of the down payment. Payment shall be in cash, cashier's check, or money order payable to CPA.

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Inquiries may be directed to the Procurement Officer, Mr. Alex C. Tudela, at telephone number 237-6563.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Armando A. Camposano Petitioner, ) **FCD – DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0437**
Vs. ) **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**
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Dated this 19th day of September, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

# 6 Saipan mayor's staff hurdle bucket truck training

Six employees of the Saipan Mayor's Office successfully completed an eight-hour bucket truck safety course last month at the VFW Building.

Davey C. Coby, a certified environmental trainer and registered environmental professional, led the safety course, while the six mayor's staff that hurdled the Sept. 26 training are Mike Cruz, Zachary Reyes, Ernest Kanai, Jesse Taitano, Gregorio Tebit, and Joe Villagomez.

The course identified several hazards when working on elevated surfaces while operating equipment. The course also examined potential capabilities, limitations, safety features, and operations characteristics of motor vehicles and boom and bucket trucks.

Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores said the course will not only benefit his employees but also the safety of the public.

"I'm very glad that we're getting into training that concerns all of these and we will continue outreaching for trainers to train our employees for safety purposes," he said.

Tebit said the safety course gave him a lot of safety tips and knowledge about the operation of bucket trucks. He served as the spotter of the bucket truck.

Villagomez, who has the most perilous job of manning the bucket some 25-30 feet up in the air, said he is now more confident and self-assured doing his job after undergoing the safety training.

MARK RABAGO

Saipan Mayor's Office employees Zachary Reyes, Ernest Kanai, Jesse Taitano, Gregorio Tebit, and Joe Villagomez proudly show their certificates after hurdling an eight-hour bucket truck safety course last month. Posing with them are Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores, his adviser Henry Hofschenider, and Joan Aquino.

Reyes said that Doby taught them a lot. For example, he now knows that before you go out you have to inspect your vehicle. "You have to make sure it's ready for use."

Taitano said that several of the course's tips will come in handy someday. One such tip, he said, is a technique that allows you to go down on your own if the boom becomes immobilized. Taitano also learned that the boom should always be 20 feet away from any live wire.

For Kanai, who is used to operating heavy equipment, what impressed him most were the new techniques he learned.

"I used to work on heavy equipment and learned about safety before but this training is all new. I learned a lot about the hydraulic system of the bucket truck," he said.

Flores said his office will finally be acquiring a bucket truck of its own. He said the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will be donating a 1985 bucket truck that has tranmission problems and would probably need $20,000 to fix.

"It's something that CUC has an excess of and we're willing to take it off their hands," said Flores. He said they will use part of the $30,000 the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation has earmarked for the acquisition of a secondhand bucket truck to repair and retrofit the one CUC is donating.

The mayor's office currently gets help from the Department of Public Works staff to spruce up trees by removing overhanging branches and removing coconuts that could fall on unsuspecting pedestrians, especially in campuses. ***(Mark Rabago)***


**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM- OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**
**RFP13-GOV-185**

**Architectural & Engineering Design Services for the Existing Municipal Solid Waste Facility**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Capital Improvement Office, is soliciting sealed proposals for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Existing Municial Solid Waste Facility, Tinian MP, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-305.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on or after October 11, 2013 at the Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment be presented when obtaining the package. A Pre-Proposal Meeting is scheduled on at the Governor's Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan on October 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m at the Governor's Conference Room . The project completion time for this project is 120 calendar days. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager at Fax no. (670) 664-2408 or via email at balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com no later than Monday, October 30, 2013, 4:30 p.m., local time. Responses to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

Proposals shall not exceed twenty five (25) pages. Note that a firm or company that submits as a prime consultant cannot submit as a subconsultant on another proposal. However, subconsultants maybe included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification and Experience on similar projects (25%)
2. Project Approach (25%)
3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required time frame (25%)
4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects (25%)
5. Fee Proposal (0%)

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP13-GOV-185. For proposals within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, November 13, 2013. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitted an Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, November 13, 2013, local time, and maybe submitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of the foreign country no later than November 13, 2013 AND the proposal must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement & Supply Lower Base Drive no later than November 22, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms maybe selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section NMIAC 70-30.3-245.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF



**CTSI Logistics is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:**

**Storage and Distribution Supervisor**
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years of distribution and warehousing supervisory experience. Knowledge of household goods handling and airfreight and oceanfreight operations is required. Proficiency in Warehouse management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

**Shipping Supervisor**
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of shipping, receiving and warehousing supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in shipping operations, shipping documentation & cargo management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, 49 CFR & IMDG Code is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines. Knowledge of bill of ladings, scheduling and planning inbound and outbound shipments is a must.

**Transportation Supervisor**
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of logistics and trucking operations supervisory experience is required. Must be knowledgeable in transportation and safety regulations and proficient in various logistic software. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

**Freight Forwarding Supervisor**
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

**Sales Officer**
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required as well as an extensive knowledge and experience in supply chain and freight brokerage. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Proficiency in freight forwarding, shipping and household goods operations are a must. Must be familiar with freight forwarding software.

**Cargo and Freight Agent (5)**
Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend hours.

**Specialized Truck Driver (6)**
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Must have at least 3 years experience in hauling petroleum products with the corresponding SMITHS & STOPS training certification, carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

**Heavy Equipment Truck Driver (3)**
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Experience in carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

**Shipping and Receiving Clerk (6)**
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

**Truck Mechanic**
Vocational or High School Graduate. Must be able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, or maintain and repair any type of engines. Minimum of two (2) year work experience is required on these areas: lubrication, repairs and servicing, use of machine tools, welding and flame cutting, engine elements, gears, brakes, transmission, exhausts, etc. Proficiency in critical devices for fuel tank trucks is a must.

**Automotive Body Repairer**
Formal Auto Body Training in a Vocational School is required as well as a minimum of one-year experience in repairing and refinishing automotive vehicle bodies' vehicle frames. Proficiency in automotive body painting is required.

**Janitor**
Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should submit resume / application to CTSI Logistics, Lower Base not later than October 25, 2013.

***We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.***
*Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.*

# IT&E improves service, coverage in Gualo Rai

IT&E, the Marianas communications leader, improved network coverage for subscribers along Chalan Pale Arnold and throughout Gualo Rai with the recent installation and activation of a new GSM cell site on top of the Chong's Building.

According to IT&E engineering manager Velma Palacios, the new tower immediately upgraded the service to subscribers in the surrounding areas. Palacios said the project is part of IT&E's continuing efforts to improve the performance of the CNMI's most dependable GSM network coverage

"Although we faced challenges that included weather, scheduling conflicts, construction issues, and more, the team managed to complete installation," Palacios said.

The Gualo Rai area was previously serviced by IT&E's location atop the Hafa Adai hotel in Garapan. The new tower atop the Chong's Building will not only improve service in Gualo Rai as the increased capacity at the Hafa Adai site will improve performance for subscribers throughout Garapan.

Palacios credited Ramir De Leon and Inos Yamada for leading the project and acknowledged the cooperation between Nick Carreon, Rab Nawaz, the Wireless Transmission Team, and S&T Team that contributed to the project's completion.

For more information about IT&E products and services or to report a service outage, contact IT&E Customer Care at 682-4ITE (4483). ***(IT&E)***

# D&Q is Founder's Club sponsor of Joeten golf fundraiser

D&Q International Distributors has donated $5,000 to the Joeten Memorial Golf Classic, making it a Founder's Club sponsor.

JMGC, a fundraiser golf tournament event, will be held at Saipan Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort on Nov. 9, 2013. The tournament will be a stroke play, low gross format.

Players stand to win over $100,000 in prizes. First, second, and third place winners in the Senior, A, B, C, and Ladies flight divisions will each receive prizes. In addition to winner prizes, JMGC will be offering prizes for hole-in-one, closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, and most accurate buy-ins.

"It is a pleasure to be partnering with Joeten in their endeavor to raise funds for charitable causes." said D&Q resident manager Max Kretzers.

"This outpouring of support gives us immense gratification. I would like to extend my utmost appreciation to D&Q and the rest of Tan Holdings for their donation." said JMGC chair Somia Quan.

The tournament will be followed by an awards lunch banquet at the golf course's Club House.

Participants and guests of the banquet will get a chance to purchase raffle tickets in the amount of $1 and $5 toward winning a list of great prizes.

Registration fee is $95 and forms are available at all major Joeten locations, Ace Hardware, Joeten Superstore, The Athlete's Foot, Boarderline, AllStar Sporting Goods, and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters. Completed forms can be turned in and paid at Joeten Motors Parts Department using cash, check, or credit card.

For information about this tournament contact Somia Quan at 234-6446 or via email at joetenmgc@joeten.com. ***(PR)***

D&Q sales manager Marilyn Marron, front right, presents a $5,000 check to Joeten Memorial Golf Classic organizing committee chair Somia Quan, front left, for their donation to the upcoming fundraiser golf tournament scheduled for Nov. 9, 2013, at the Saipan Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort. Also in the photo on back row from left to right are JMGC member Clarence Tenorio, Jr., D&Q resident manager Max Kretzer, and JMGC member Mike Demapan Jr.
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## Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on
Thursday, October 31st, 2013 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor,
Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan
(Tel: 234-9661 ● Fax: 234-9666 ● e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

**A. Preliminary Matters**
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of September 19th, 2013 minutes
5. Public Comments

**B. Public Hearings**
1. **Conditional Use Application #2013-0472.** The Healthy Farmers, LLC is proposing to operate an Aquaponics farm system that combines hydroponic and aquaculture farming techniques. This use is classified as Aquaculture (Commercial) and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be located in Obyan, on lots 036 L 81/ 82 & 88. These areas are zoned as Rural.
2. **Conditional Use Application #2013-0498.** The Blue Spot Corporation is proposing to operate a heavy equipment repair and rental/ general maintenance business. This use is classified as Vehicle Repair, General and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be located on lot 549-2-4-4 in San Antonio on Afetna Road. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

**C. Communications/ Reports**

**D. Old Business.**
1. Update on Saipan Adult Gambling Machine Business (Poker) law of 2013, authored by Representative Ray A. Tebuteb, 18th CNMI Legislature
2. Update on Nuisance Abatement & Blighted Property Maintenance Act of 2013, authored by Representative Larry I. Deleon Guerrero, 18th CNMI Legislature

**E. New Business**
1. Office operations report

**E. Executive (Closed) Session.**

**G. Miscellaneous:** Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD
# PUBLIC HEARING
**for**
**Blue Spot Corporation**

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. The Blue Spot Corporation is proposing to operate a heavy equipment repair and rental/ general maintenance business. This use is classified as Vehicle Repair, General and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be located on lot 549-2-4-4 in San Antonio on Afetna Road. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

**Date:** October 31st, Thursday
**Time:** 5:00 pm
**Place:** Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, October 30th, 2013. Written comments may also be submitted via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp , via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2013).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD
# PUBLIC HEARING
**for**
**Healthy Farmers, LLC**

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# Business

# Congress votes to lift govt shutdown, avoid US default

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Up against a deadline, Congress passed and sent a waiting President Barack Obama legislation late Wednesday night to avoid a threatened national default and end the 16-day partial government shutdown, the culmination of an epic political drama that placed the U.S. economy at risk.

The Senate voted first, a bipartisan 81-18 at midevening. That cleared the way for a final 285-144 vote in the Republican-controlled House about two hours later on the bill, which hewed strictly to the terms Obama laid down when the twin crises erupted more than three weeks ago.

The legislation would permit the Treasury to borrow normally through Feb. 7 or perhaps a month longer, and fund the government through Jan. 15. More than 2 million federal workers would be paid—those who had remained on the job and those who had been furloughed.

After the Senate approved the measure, Obama hailed the vote and quickly signed the bill early Thursday. "We'll begin reopening our government immediately, and we can begin to lift this cloud of uncertainty from our businesses and the American people," the president said.

In the House, Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., said, "After two long weeks, it is time to end this government shutdown. It's time to take the threat of default off the table. It's time to restore some sanity to this place."

The stock market surged higher at the prospect of an end to the crisis that also had threatened to shake confidence in the U.S. economy overseas.

Republicans conceded defeat after a long struggle. "We fought the good fight. We just didn't win," conceded House Speaker John Boehner as lawmakers lined up to vote on a bill that includes nothing for GOP lawmakers who had demand to eradicate or scale back Obama's signature health care overhaul.

"The compromise we reached will provide our economy with the stability it desperately needs," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, declaring that the nation "came to the brink of disaster" before sealing an agreement.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, who negotiated the deal with Reid, emphasized that it preserved a round of spending cuts negotiated two years ago with Obama and Democrats. As a result, he said, "government spending has declined for two years in a row" for the first time since the Korean War. "And we're not going back on this agreement," he added.

Only a temporary truce, the measure set a time frame of early this winter for the next likely clash between Obama and the Republicans over spending and borrowing.

But for now, government was lurching back to life. After Obama signed the bill, Sylvia Mathews Burwell, director of the Office of Management and Budget, issued a memorandum ordering department heads to "open offices in a prompt and orderly manner."

"All employees who were on furlough due to the absence of appropriations may now return to work," Burwell said.

After weeks of gridlock, the measure had support from the White House, most if not all Democrats in Congress and many Republicans fearful of the economic impact of a default.

Boehner and the rest of the top GOP leadership told their rank and file in advance they would vote for the measure. In the end, Republicans split 144 against and 87 in favor. All 198 voting Democrats were supporters.

Final passage came in plenty of time to assure Obama's signature before the administration's 11:59 p.m. Thursday deadline.

That was when Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said the government would reach the current $16.7 trillion debt limit and could no longer borrow to meet its obligations.

Tea party-aligned lawmakers who triggered the shutdown that began on Oct. 1 said they would vote against the legislation. Significantly, though, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and others agreed not to use the Senate's cumbersome 18th-century rules to slow the bill's progress.

In remarks on the Senate floor, Cruz said the measure was "a terrible deal" and criticized fellow Republicans for lining up behind it.

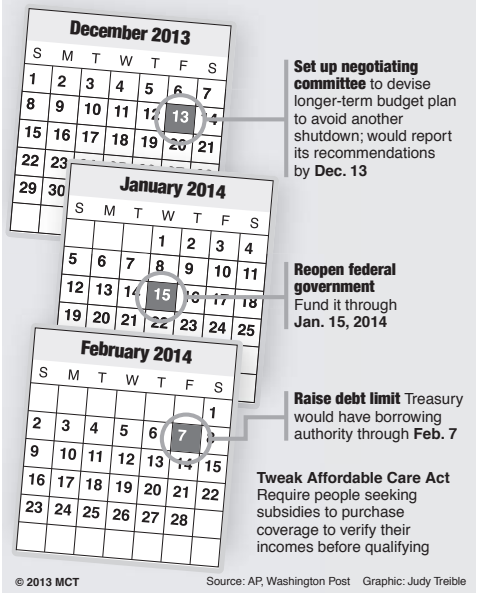
McConnell made no mention of the polls showing that the shutdown and flirtation with default have sent Republicans' public approval plummeting and have left the party badly split nationally as well as in his home state of Kentucky. He received a prompt reminder, though.

AP

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Democratic leaders speak with reporters after voting on a measure to avert a threatened Treasury default and reopen the government after a partial, 16-day shutdown, at the Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013, as Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., chair of the Senate Budget Committee, and Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin, D-Ill., listen.

## Shutdown deal highlights

*Senate leaders have reached a deal to open the government after a 16-day shutdown and raise the debt ceiling; the bill also requires approval by the House. Key points in the deal:*


December 2013
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Set up negotiating committee to devise longer-term budget plan to avoid another shutdown; would report its recommendations by Dec. 13
Reopen federal government Fund it through Jan. 15, 2014
Raise debt limit Treasury would have borrowing authority through Feb. 7
Tweak Affordable Care Act Require people seeking subsidies to purchase coverage to verify their incomes before qualifying

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IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

†ROSARIO BENAVENTE ALDAN

*Lovingly known as "Charo"*

October 4, 1948 ~ October 14, 2013

***In her new life, she reunites with her:***

**Parents:** †Felipe Concepcion Aldan & †Ana Benavente Aldan
**Siblings:** †Francisco B. Aldan, †Lourdes B. Aldan, †Margarita B. Aldan
**Common-Law Husband:** †Juan Deleon Guerrero Demapan
**Parents-in-Law:** †Francisco Borja Demapan & †Ana Deleon Guerrero Demapan
**Siblings-in-Law:** †Rufina D. Palacios; †Richard Neal; †Teresita Dlg. Demapan; †Maria "Dema" D. Sablan; †Virginia Dlg. Demapan; †Maria R. Demapan

***Her loving memories will forever linger in the hearts of her:***

**Children:** **Anthony A. Arriola**
**Joey A. Arriola**/Viktoriya (*Roxanna, Caleb, Vlad*)
**Jenny A. Salas**/Mario (*Raquel, Tiana*)
**Velma A. Arriola**/Julie (*Tarence, Tiara, Savana, Johanna, James, Timmy*)
**Angel A. Demapan**/TaAnn (*Kayla, Inarose, Angel Jr.*)
**John Dlg. Demapan Jr.**
**Virginia A. Demapan**
**Jared A. Arriola**

**Reared Son:** Philip C. Aldan/Julie (Kadie)

**Siblings:** Tomas B. Aldan/Liz; Jose B. Aldan/Lydia; Remedio A. Cernansky/Larry; Ramon B. Aldan; Carmen A. Annis/George; Marcelina A. Rabauliman/Frank; Merced A. Magofna/Oly; Teresita A. To'omata/Iava; Marilyn Aldan; Rudy B. Aldan/Mara

**Siblings-in-law:** Francisco M. Palacios; Dolores D. Neal; Jose T. Sablan/Annie; Magdalena D. Arriola/Jesus; Ramon Dlg. Demapan/Isabel; Rafael Dlg. Demapan/Estrelita; Francisco Dlg. Demapan/Manuela; Ignacio Dlg Demapan/Frieda; Natividad Sablan

**Special Caregivers:** Ermelita Fernandez and Adelina Gomez

Nightly Mass of Intention is being offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00PM.

On **Tuesday, October 22, 2013**, the remains of our beloved **†Charo** will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 7:30AM to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral for Responso, Holy Rosary and viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30AM followed by Interment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

***Si Yu'os Ma'ase' and Thank You from***

**The Family**

# Nation

## White House: Furloughed workers can return to work

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The federal government is back open for business.

The Obama administration changed the government's status to "open" early Thursday, more than two weeks after a partial shutdown took hold when funding from Congress ran out.

Minutes after President Barack Obama signed a hard-fought deal struck in Congress, the White House directed all agencies to reopen promptly and in an orderly fashion. Furloughed federal employees across the country are expected to return to work Thursday.

"In the days ahead, we will work closely with departments and agencies to make the transition back to full operating status as smooth as possible," said Sylvia Mathews Burwell, director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Unless they are told otherwise, all employees should return to work on their next regularly scheduled work day, the Office of Personnel Management said. For most workers, that means they'll be expected to clock in Thursday morning.

But the administration also said agencies are strongly encouraged to be flexible where they can, including by allowing telework, flexible scheduling and excused absences in cases of hardship. Many federal workers may be unable to return to work on such short notice.

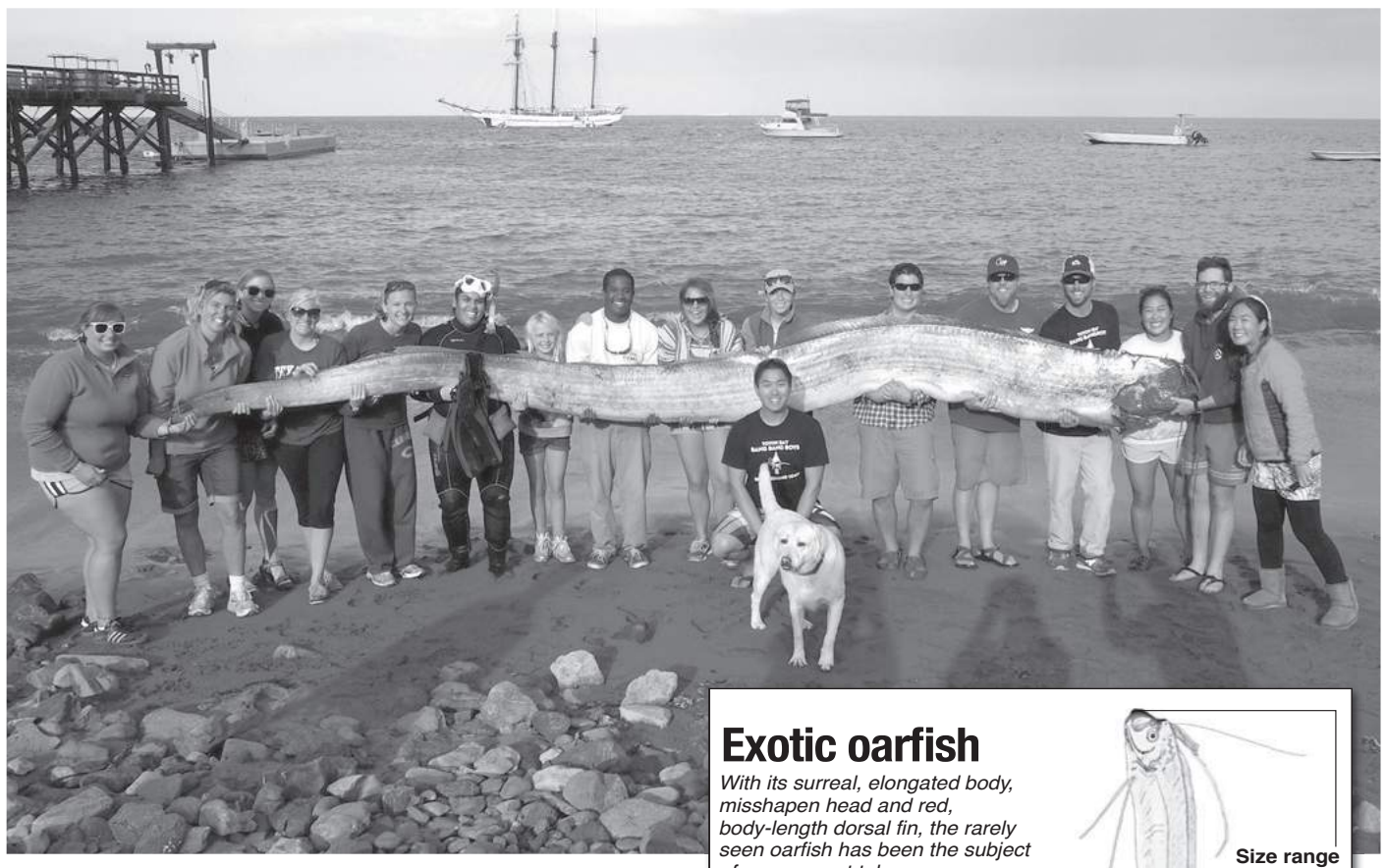
The White House encouraged federal workers to check OPM's website for additional instructions about returning to work.

Hundreds of thousands of workers have been furloughed since the shutdown started Oct. 1. The measure Obama signed Thursday restores government funding through Jan. 15. It also extends the nation's borrowing authority through Feb. 7, averting a potential default.

## 5-meter sea creature found off California coast

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A marine science instructor snorkeling off the Southern California coast spotted something out of a fantasy novel: the silvery carcass of an 18-foot-long (5-meter-long), serpent-like oarfish.

Jasmine Santana of the Catalina Island Marine Institute needed more than 15 helpers to drag the giant sea creature to shore on Sunday.



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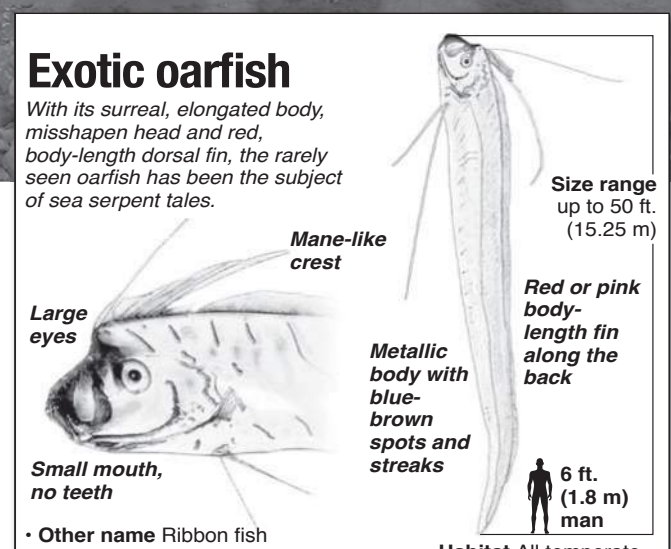
This photo released courtesy of the Catalina Island Marine Institute taken on Sunday Oct. 13, 2013 shows the crew of sailing school vessel Tole Mour and Catalina Island Marine Institute instructors holding an 18-foot-long oarfish that was found in the waters of Toyon Bay on Santa Catalina Island, Calif.


Exotic oarfish
With its surreal, elongated body, misshapen head and red, body-length dorsal fin, the rarely seen oarfish has been the subject of sea serpent tales.
Mane-like crest
Large eyes
Small mouth, no teeth
Metallic body with blue-brown spots and streaks
Red or pink body-length fin along the back
Size range up to 50 ft. (15.25 m)
6 ft. (1.8 m) man
• Other name Ribbon fish
• Scientific name Regalecus glesne
• Weight 100 lb. (45.4 kg) or more
• Depth range Down to 3,000 ft. (915 m)
• Habitat All temperate or tropical oceans
• Diet Zooplankton, crustaceans
• Predators Oceanic whitetip shark
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Graphic: Los Angeles Times

Staffers at the institute are calling it the discovery of a lifetime.

"We've never seen a fish this big," said Mark Waddington, senior captain of the Tole Mour, CIMI's sail training ship. "The last oarfish we saw was three feet long."

Because oarfish dive more than 3,000 feet (914 meters) deep, sightings of the creatures are rare and they are largely unstudied, according to CIMI.

The obscure fish apparently died of natural causes. Tissue samples and video footage were sent to be studied by biologists at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Santana spotted something shimmering about 30 feet (nine meters) deep while snorkeling during a staff trip in Toyon Bay at Santa Catalina Island.

"She said, 'I have to drag this thing out of here or nobody will believe me,'" Waddington said.

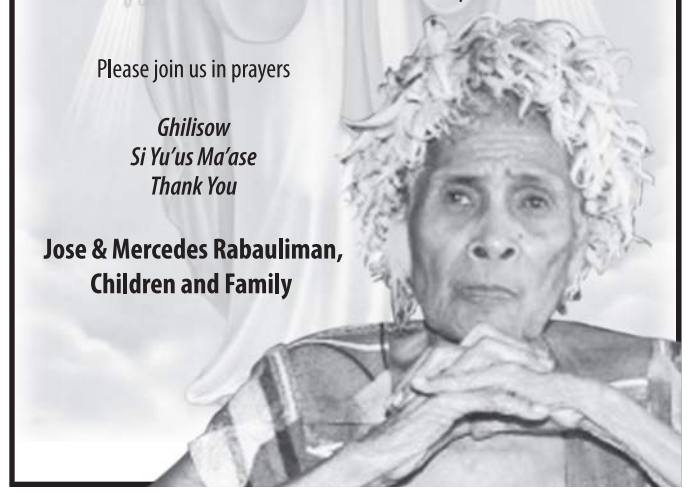
After she dragged the carcass by the tail for more than 75 feet (23 meters), staffers waded in and helped her bring it to shore.

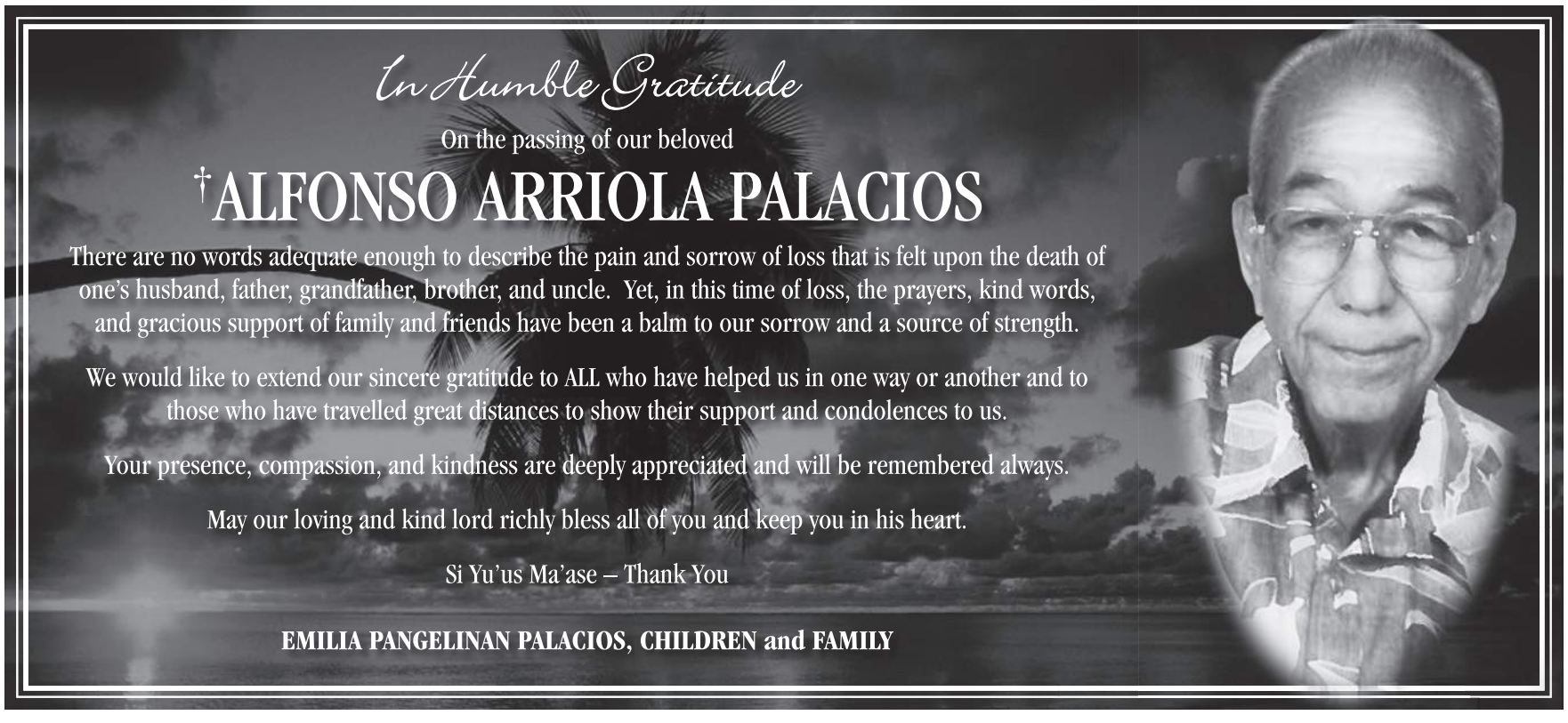
The carcass was on display Tuesday for students studying at CIMI. It will be buried in the sand until it decomposes and then its skeleton will be reconstituted for display, Waddington said.

The oarfish, which can grow to more than 50 feet (15 meters), is a deep-water pelagic fish—the longest bony fish in the world, according to CIMI.

They are likely responsible for sea serpent legends throughout history.

MEMORIAL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
*In Celebration of Her New Life*
†BASILIA TEBIT KAIPAT
Lovingly known as *"Nimor" & "Chinap"*
Born on December 16th, 1925 and was called to her eternal rest on November 05th, 2012.
***Her Memories Will Live On With Her:***
**Children:** Mercedes & Family, Carmen & Family, Susana & Family, Marina & Family, Gregoria & Family, Tars & Family, Lourdes & Family, Marcy & Family and Chris & Family
On Saturday, October 19th, 2013, her Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Santa Soledad Church at 1:30 p.m.
Please join us in prayers
*Ghilisow*
*Si Yu'us Ma'ase*
*Thank You*
**Jose & Mercedes Rabauliman, Children and Family**




*In Humble Gratitude*
On the passing of our beloved
†ALFONSO ARRIOLA PALACIOS
There are no words adequate enough to describe the pain and sorrow of loss that is felt upon the death of one's husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. Yet, in this time of loss, the prayers, kind words, and gracious support of family and friends have been a balm to our sorrow and a source of strength.
We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to ALL who have helped us in one way or another and to those who have travelled great distances to show their support and condolences to us.
Your presence, compassion, and kindness are deeply appreciated and will be remembered always.
May our loving and kind lord richly bless all of you and keep you in his heart.
Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You
EMILIA PANGELINAN PALACIOS, CHILDREN and FAMILY

# Asia

## Giving birth in Philippine quake: 'Push and pray'

**CALAPE, Philippines** (AP)—Eileen Rose Carabana and her mother were in their mountain village house when the 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck the central Philippine island of Bohol. Moments later, she felt an unmistakable intense pain in her abdomen —Carabana was about to go into labor.

There was no other way to get to a doctor but to hike several kilometers down a mountain to the hospital in Calape, a coastal town devastated by Tuesday's quake that killed at least 158 people and destroyed thousands of homes and a dozen or more centuries-old churches.

"I was worried for my baby because I could already feel tummy pain," the 19-year-old recalled Thursday.

When she made it to the hospital, Carabana found patients had already been evacuated to a tent outside, where a humming generator provided light for emergency procedures.

As she went into labor, Carabana said she felt the ground shaking from aftershocks. "I was very scared and I prayed that I would just have a normal delivery in spite of the tragedy," she said.

She recalled the words of the hospital staff: "Just push and pray, push and pray."

Later Tuesday night, she gave birth to healthy, 5.3-pound baby named James Lyndon.

Carabana was one of five young mothers who have delivered in Calape town since the quake hit Bohol Island.

Another expectant mother whose house was destroyed had to walk down a mountain to seek help from her relative before finding a ride to the hospital in Calape, said Meneleo Guibao, a nurse who is also the administrator of the 12-bed municipal hospital in the town.

On the way, along bumpy roads torn open by the quake, the woman's water burst, he said.

AP

Earthquake survivor Ryan Ybanez holds his new born baby boy beside his wife, Anjanette, as they stay at the makeshift maternity ward outside the Calape Mother and Child Hospital in Calape, Bohol province, central Philippines Thursday Oct. 17, 2013.

## Typhoon, mudslides kill 18 in Japan; 45 missing

**TOKYO** (AP)—Rescue workers were combing through piles of debris from mudslides that buried people and destroyed dozens of homes on a Japanese island, as officials acknowledged Thursday that an evacuation could have saved lives.

At least 18 deaths were confirmed from Typhoon Wipha and 45 people are missing, the government said.

Hardest hit from the storm, which swept up Japan's eastern coast Wednesday, was Izu Oshima island, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) south of Tokyo. Some 1,100 rescuers were searching through mountains of trees, wrecked homes and other debris, shouting in hopes of finding survivors. Residents and shop owners cleaned out the mud from their buildings.

"There is concern that perhaps more lives could have been saved if there had been an evacuation. We have concluded this and must apologize," said Masafumi Kawashima, mayor of Izu Oshima.

Katsunobu Kato, a government spokesman, told reporters that his understanding is that proper warnings were issued regarding forecasts for torrential rains.

The areas affected by the mudslides were indicated as hazardous zones on maps, he said, adding that the government was checking to see if there was any factual basis for complaints that an evacuation order should have been issued.

More than 350 homes were damaged or destroyed, including 283 on Izu Oshima, the Fire and Disaster Management Agency said.

## Bodies recovered in Mekong after Laos plane crash

**PAKSE, Laos** (AP)—Rescuers in fishing boats pulled bodies from the muddy Mekong River on Thursday as officials in Laos ruled out finding survivors from a plane that crashed in stormy weather, killing 49 people from 11 countries.

Backpacks, an airplane propeller and passports were among the debris scattered on the riverbank where the Lao Airlines turboprop plane apparently hit hard before skidding into the water and sinking Wednesday.

"So far eight bodies have been found. We don't yet know their nationalities, said Yakao Lopangkao director-general of Lao's Department of Civil Aviation, who was at the crash site in Pakse, in southern Laos. "We haven't found the plane yet. It is underwater. We're trying to use divers to locate it."

He ruled out any chance of finding survivors. "There is no hope. The plane appears to have crashed very hard before entering the water."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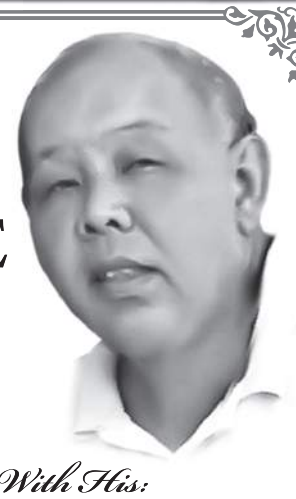


*In Celebration of His New Life*

†PEDRO COGURE ARRIOLA

*Lovingly known as "PETE"*

Born on April 23, 1954 and was called to his eternal rest on October 02, 2013

*His Memories Will Live On With His:*

**Wife:** Luzviminda Fabricante Arriola
**Children:** Luis Vincent & Krystal Arriola (Simiyah and Lucy Pilar)
Chela Marie & Darrin Watson (Gabriel, DJ, and Josiah)
Kimberly & Sean White (Peter John and Aubrey)
Peter Raymond F. Arriola

*In His New Life, He Now Joins His:*

**Parents:** †Luis Sablan Arriola & †Maria Kogure Arriola
**Stepmother:** †Perpetua Carrangdang Arriola
**Parents In-Law:** †Vincente Fabricante & †Agripina Ugto Fabricante
**Sister:** †Patricia Arriola Legaspi

*He Is Additionally Survived By His:*

**Adoptive Brothers & Sisters, Brothers & Sisters In-Law, Aunts, Uncles, Nephews, Nieces, Cousins, Friends, and the MHS class of '73**

On Saturday, October 19, 2013, his cremains will be at Santa Soledad Church at 10:30AM. Memorial Mass will be celebrated 11:00AM.

Please join us in prayers
Thank You – Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Maraming Salamat

**Luzviminda F. Arriola, Children and Family**



*In Loving Memory of*

†Lydia Flores Santos

Lovingly known as "Lyd"
Born to life on January 07, 1959 and was called to her eternal rest on October 11, 2013

***In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:***
**Parents:** †Edward Briggimann and †Maximina Reyes Flores
**Parents In-Law:** †Andres Castro and †Maria Taitingfong Santos

***Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of Her:***
**Husband:** Arthur Taitingfong Santos

**Children/Spouses/Grand children:**
Judith F. Santos & Fabian M. Ulloa (Glenn S. Calvo, Maxima S. Ulloa and Ashia S. Ulloa)
Kenneth F. Viray and Sherley M. Torres (Sian Matthew Torres Viray)
John Ed F. Manalo & Frank C. Borja Jr.
Larry Jay F. Manalo

**Brothers, Sisters & Spouses:** Edwin R. & Ellen B. Flores and Family
Rebecca F. & Henry K. Pangelinan and Family
Edward R. and Maryann A. Flores and Family
Fermin R. Flores & Sophia DL Cruz and Family
Alfred R. Flores & Elisha Wenio and Family
Jeannet F. & Juan S. Torres and Family
Anthony R. & Ramona S. Flores and Family

**Reared Brother:** James P. & Maryann P. Reyes and Family

**Brothers & Sisters In-Law:** Frank T. & Judy Santos and Family
Elizabeth S. & John Naputi and Family
Lillian S. & Roland Garrido and Family
Andrew T & Denise Santos and Family

***She will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.***

Mass is being offered nightly at 6:00pm at San Vicente Church, followed by the Holy Rosary.

On Monday, October 21, 2013, our beloved's remains will be escorted at 7:30 a.m. from CHC to Mt. Carmel Cathedral for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Interment Services at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please Join Us in Prayers

Thank You – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

**The Family**

# World

## Amid new attacks, Egypt's Copts preserve heritage

**THE RED MONASTERY, Egypt** (AP)—Locked inside a 6th century church in a desert monastery are some of the jewels of early Christianity—ancient murals in vivid pinks, greens and reds depicting saints, angels and the Virgin Mary with a baby Jesus, hidden for centuries under a blanket of black soot.

Italian and Egyptian restorers are meticulously uncovering the paintings, some of the earliest surviving and most complete examples of early Coptic Christian art. But the work, in the final stages more than a decade after it started, is done quietly to avoid drawing attention—and there's no plan to try to attract visitors, at least not now.

"This is our heritage and we must protect it," said Father Antonius, abbot of the Red Monastery where the Anba Bishay Church is located. He takes it as a personal mission to protect it. The church's heavy wooden door has only two keys. He keeps one and a young monk he trusts keeps the other.

"I don't think there is a church anywhere in Egypt that even begins to match the beauty of this one," Antonius said, beaming like a proud father.

The little known Anba Bishay Church offers a striking example of how Egypt's Orthodox Coptic Church jealously guards its heritage against formidable odds—whether decades of neglect, discrimination by the Muslim majority or the violence by Islamic militants, who have gained significant power since the 2011 ouster of longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

The protection of its heritage took on greater urgency when 40 churches were wrecked, burned and looted in a pogrom-like wave of attacks in August, blamed on Islamic militants. Coptic leaders say the attacks are the worst in centuries.

The attacks laid bare a worrisome failure or unwillingness by authorities, as well as moderate Muslims, to protect the churches. Christians, who make up about 10 percent of Egypt's 90 million citizens, were left with their deepest sense of vulnerability in recent history. Egypt's powerful military pledged with great fanfare to restore the churches. But Christians say that, two months later, they are still waiting for concrete steps.

The Coptic Orthodox Church is one of Christianity's earliest branches. It was born in Egypt, and almost all Egyptian Christians throughout the centuries have belonged to it. But it never ruled in Egypt. Instead, Copts were subjects in a succession of empires, from the Romans and Byzantines through various Muslim dynasties.

The result is a complicated legacy. A historic sense of persecution engrained a deep secrecy in the Church, which has long turned inward for its own protection. The lesson that Copts long absorbed—take care of yourselves and don't involve outsiders—has been applied to their conservation efforts.

Complicating those efforts, the Copts' material civilization is fragile. They have not left mighty stone temples, tombs and mosques like Egypt's pharaonic or Muslim rulers, noted Imad Farid, an expert on historical Coptic architecture.

Instead, Copts traditionally built in mud brick, which deteriorates over time, especially in the eroding moisture and floods in the Nile River valley. Desert monasteries, preserved by aridity, constitute most of what is left of Coptic civilization. They have been the traditional repositories for the Church's artistic treasures, from icons and murals to rare manuscripts.

Past generations of Copts "left us not with a history of rulers but of a people and their daily lives," Farid said.


DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

†FRANCISCO MANIBUSAN DIAZ

(Appitiur/Ghitipung)
Affectionately known as *"TICO BEDU"*

October 8, 1936 – October 13, 2013 was called to his eternal rest
on Sunday, October 13, 2013, at the age of 77.

***In his new life, Francisco now joins his:***
**Parents:** Agapito Joaquin Arriola Diaz and Maria Santa Maria Manibusan Diaz-Igibara
**Step Parent:** Jesus Pangelinan Igibara
**Parents-in-law:** Jesus Villagomez Duenas and Ernesta Cabrera Duenas
**Brother:** Juan Manibusan Diaz
**Sisters:** Carmen Diaz Cruz, Asuncion Manibusan Diaz, Elvira Manibusan Igibara, Maria Jesusa Manibusan Igibara, Asuncion Igibara Jolin
**Brothers and Sister-in-law:** Fredericka V. Diaz, Jose C. Duenas, Juan C. Duenas, Cristin C. Duenas, Jesus D. Cruz

***The Love and Blessing of his memory will live in the hearts of his:***
**Wife:** Remedio Duenas Diaz

**Children:** **Frances** J/Stephen Moses and children/grandchildren
**Francisco** D/Frances H. Diaz and children/granddaughter
**Juan** D/Doll S. Diaz and children/grandson
**Frances** D/Joaquin C. Lizama, Jr and children/grandchildren
**Joaquin** D/Viol A. Diaz and children
**Raymond** D. Diaz/Frances A. Torres and children/grandson
**Thomas** D. Diaz/Jeridena C. Crisostomo and children
**Anthony** D. Diaz and children
**Melissa** D. Diaz/Jake T. Koshiba and children
**Tricia** D. Diaz and children
**Edward** D. Diaz

Deborah M. Diaz

**Brothers/Sisters and Spouses:** Rosa M./Francisco S. Salas, Luis/Teresita S. Manibusan and Edward/Delfina V. Manibusan

**Brothers/Sisters-in-law:** Joaquin C/Maria B. Duenas, Maria D/Joaquin T. Salas, Consolacion D/David J. Sablan, Vicente C/Ana DLG. Duenas, Rosalia D/Jesus I. Sablan, Jose C/Verna T. Duenas, Soledad D/Jose A. Reyes, Joaquina R. Santos

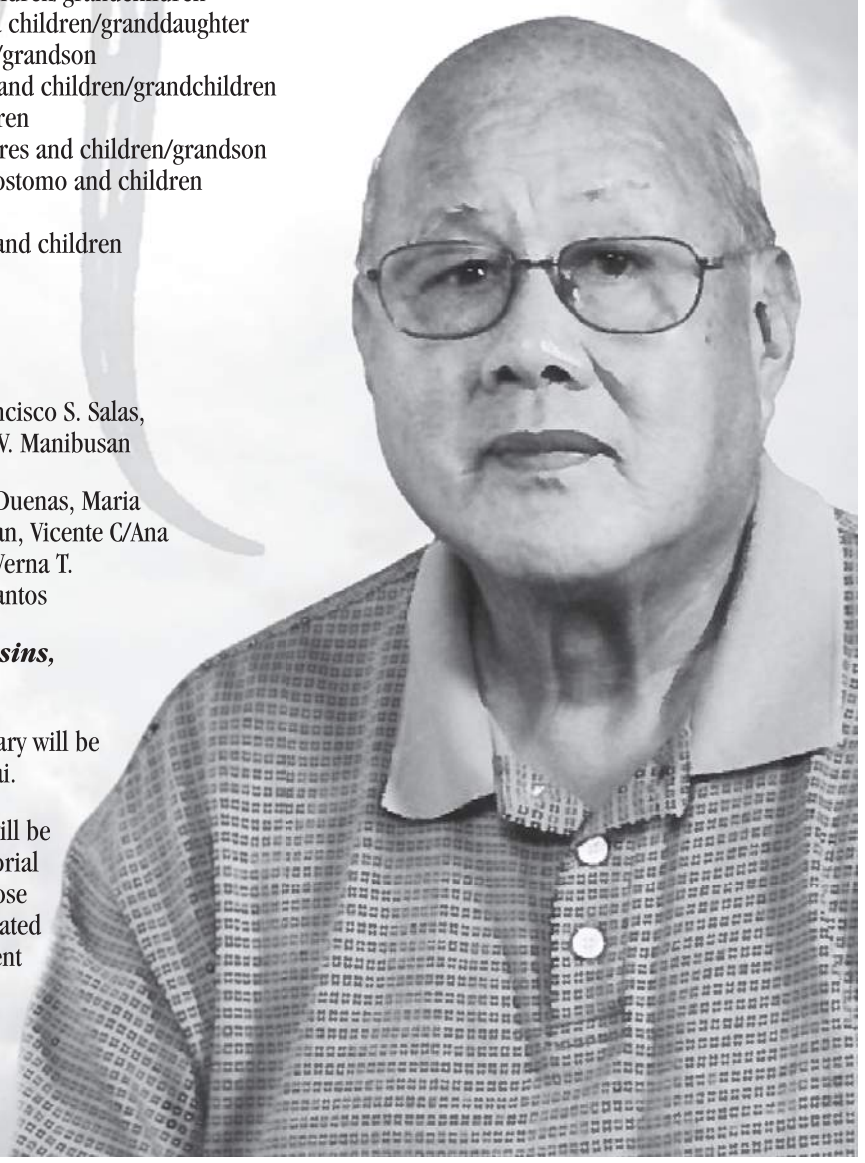
***He will also be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.***

Daily Mass is offered at 6:00 a.m. and Holy Rosary will be said at 7:00PM. at San Jose Church, Oleai.

On Monday, October 21, 2013, his remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Cabrera Center, at 7:30 a.m. to San Jose Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed immediately by Interment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

**Ginen I Familia**




## Shoeless Mexico Indian children win at youth basketball tourney

**MEXICO CITY** (AP)—A team of Trique Indian boys swept through a youth basketball tournament despite their generally short stature and the fact that most play barefoot, earning acclaim in Mexico and abroad.

The team from the southern Mexico state of Oaxaca won all six of its games to become this year's champions at the International Festival of Mini-Basketball held recently in Argentina.

Other teams in the tournament dubbed the boys the "the barefoot mice from Mexico" because they are smaller than the other competitors, said Ernesto Merino, one of the team's coaches and a Trique Indian. He said they compensate for their short stature with "strength, speed and resistance."

Children are given tennis shoes when they join the team, but many don't wear the sneakers because they are accustomed to going barefoot, Merino said.

Merino said they grow up in large, poor families who struggle to find the money to buy clothes and shoes.

"For them it's normal to not have shoes, to walk barefoot," he said.

The team's performance won it a minute of applause Wednesday on the floor of Mexico's Chamber of Deputies, as well as accolades from Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto and basketball experts.

"The victories of the Trique Indian team from Oaxaca's Academy of Indigenous Basketball make Mexicans proud," Pena Nieto said in a tweet.

Horacio Muratore, president of the International Basketball Federation-Americas, which organizes the annual tournament, said the boys were the best players.

"These boys deserved (the championship) more than anyone," Muratore wrote on the organization's website.

The boys' achievement has come at a particularly sensitive time for Mexico, which is agonizing over the poor performance of its once well-regarded national soccer team. The Tri, as it's known, has barely kept its hopes alive for qualifying for next year's World Cup in Brazil.

## Mauritania, Haiti top slavery index

**LONDON** (AP)—Mauritania, Haiti and Pakistan rank among the countries with the highest prevalence of modern slavery, according to a new global index released Thursday by an anti-slavery charity.

The "Global Slavery Index" report by the Walk Free Foundation ranked 162 countries by estimating the number of people in each nation affected by a range of practices including forced and bonded labor, human trafficking, forced marriages, and the use of children in the military.

Walk Free Foundation was founded last year by Australian mining magnate Andrew Forrest. Its index was endorsed by leaders including former U.S. Secretary Hillary Clinton, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates.

Clinton said in a statement that although the index wasn't perfect, it provided a starting point.

"I urge leaders around the world to view this index as a call to action, and to stay focused on the work of responding to this crime," she said.

Using reports from governments and non-profit organizations as well as statistical estimates, the charity said that Mauritania has the highest proportion of people in slavery, with many people inheriting slave status from their ancestors. About 140,000 to 160,000 people are enslaved in the west African nation, which has a population of just 3.8 million, the report said.

# Off the Wall

## Evidence suggests early Britons ate roasted toads

In this photo provided by The University of Buckingham and taken Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013, artifacts gathered from an archaeological site known as Blick Mead are cleaned and sorted in Amesbury, about 85 miles (135 kilometers) west of London, England. AP

**LONDON** (AP)—Britons sometimes make fun of the French for feasting on frog. But now a new discovery suggests their prehistoric ancestors may have had a taste for toad.

The University of Buckingham said Wednesday that a promising excavation near Stonehenge has unearthed a host of clues about the diet of prehistoric Britons. Among them: A tiny, partially burnt leg bone which suggests the hunter-gatherers living in what's now known as the United Kingdom snacked on amphibians.

The charred bone was found alongside the remains of fish and aurochs—the wild ancestor of today's cattle—at a site called Blick Mead in the town of Amesbury, about 85 miles (135 kilometers) west of London.

Natural History Museum and University College, London, researcher Simon Parfitt said that the dig had provided experts a glimpse of a Mesolithic menu that also included fish, hazelnuts, berries, deer, and boar. He called the discovery of what appeared to be leftovers from a meal of roast toad "really intriguing."

"Being English, we don't eat frogs," he noted.

The toad finding has yet to be peer-reviewed, and one expert—Bournemouth University archaeologist Tim Darvill—expressed skepticism over what he called "the frog story."

Still, he and other outside experts voiced excitement about the dig where the bone was found, with Darvill calling it "the most significant find in the Stonehenge landscape for many years."

Andy Rhind-Tutt, a former mayor of Amesbury and the chairman of the Amesbury Museum and Heritage Trust, said the dig was turning up thousands of flint tools and animal bones, pointing to what he said may turn out to be a major prehistoric settlement just over a mile (about 2 kilometers) from the world-famous circle of standing stones.

Parfitt said the find suggests "that there's more to the site than just Stonehenge.

"There's a much deeper history to the specialness of that place," he said.

## Rare whale found dead in California's Venice Beach

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A rare whale that has a dolphin-shaped head and saber-like teeth has been found dead on Los Angeles' Venice Beach, even though it prefers frigid subarctic waters.

The roughly 15-foot-long female Stejneger's beaked whale washed ashore Tuesday night, the Los Angeles Times reported. A truck hauled away the mammal, which was being examined at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum to determine how it died.

The Stejneger's beaked whale is rarely seen in the wild. The species typically dives deep in subarctic waters to feed on squid and small fish. It is believed to migrate as far south as Northern California, and how the whale ended up so far south will probably remain a mystery.

"This is the best," said Nick Fash, an education specialist for the Santa Monica-based environmental group Heal the Bay. "(Previous finds) aren't anything like this. This is a treat."

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### German groom forgets bride at gas station

**BERLIN** (AP)—A German couple's marriage got off to a rocky start when the groom forgot his bride at a highway gas station on the way home from their honeymoon, only noticing she was missing after hours had passed. Police said Friday the couple was heading home to Berlin from France when the man pulled over near the central town of Bad Hersfeld late Thursday to fill up their van. The woman had been sleeping in the back but got up—unbeknownst to the man—to use the toilets and he drove off before she returned. Only after 2 1/2 hours on the road did he notice she was gone and called police, who said she was patiently waiting.

#### US judge tells man he's still legally dead

**FINDLAY, Ohio** (AP)—A man who disappeared decades ago is finding out there's no easy way to come back from the dead. Donald Miller Jr. went to court this week to ask a county judge to reverse a 1994 ruling that declared him legally dead after he had vanished from his home eight years earlier. But the judge turned down his request, citing a three-year time limit for changing a death ruling. Hancock County Probate Court Judge Allan Davis called it a "strange, strange situation." "We've got the obvious here. A man sitting in the courtroom, he appears to be in good health," said Davis, who told Miller the three-year limit was clear. "I don't know where that leaves you, but you're still deceased as far as the law is concerned," the judge said.

#### Mont. woman too drunk to get out of car calls 911

**BILLINGS, Mont.** (AP)—A woman is charged with felony drunken driving after police in Billings, Mont., say she called 911 and said she was too drunk to get out of her vehicle. The Billings Gazette reports 55-year-old Carol Frances Omeara made an initial appearance in Yellowstone County Justice Court on Wednesday. She remained jailed Thursday on $3,000 bond. Omeara was arrested Tuesday night after a woman called dispatchers and said she couldn't get out of her vehicle. The dispatcher asked if she was having medical or mechanical issues. Court records say the caller replied that she was too drunk. Prosecutors say Omeara's blood-alcohol level was 0.311 percent, nearly four times the limit at which a driver is considered legally intoxicated. The Billings woman had the keys to the vehicle in her pocket.


In Loving Memory of

†Maxima Dela Cruz Pangelinan

Lovingly known as *"Nang Mung"*
Born to life on August 17, 1929 and was called
to her eternal rest on October 11, 2013

***In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:***
**Parents:** †Pedro Cepeda/Rufina Villagomez Duenas Dela Cruz
**Parents In-Laws:** †Jose Reyes Pangelinan/Maria Reyes Pangelinan
**Children/Grandchildren:**
†Pedro Dela Cruz Pangelinan (Ruth Margaret I. Pangelinan/Emery Joseph I. Pangelinan)
†Agnes Pangelinan Deleon Guerrero (Kalani P. Deleon Guerrero)
†Norbert Dela Cruz Pangelinan
†Carla Mae Pangelinan Benavente

***Brothers/Sister/In-Laws:***
†Rita C. & Albert C. Tenorio, †Jose D. & Virginia B. Dela Cruz, †Joaquin D. & Ana C. Dela Cruz, †Pedro D. & Theodora M. Dela Cruz, †Jesus D. Dela Cruz, †Miguel C. Cruz, †Francisco R. Pangelinan, †Juan R. Mafnas, †Jose Concepcion, †Ricardo S. Sablan, †Alfonso A. Palacios

***Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of Her:***
**Husband:** Hilarion Reyes Pangelinan
**Children/Spouses/Grand children/Great Grand children:**
**Juan D. Dela Cruz**
**David Sablan**
†**Pedro DLC.** & Judith I. Pangelinan, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
**Henry DLC** & Matilde L. Pangelinan, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
†**Agnes P.** & Francisco C. Deleon Guerrero, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
**Martin DLC.** & Frances DLR. Pangelinan, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
**Rufina DLC.** Pangelinan & Francisco Ada, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
**Oscar DLC.** & Franny B. Pangelinan, Children/spouse and Grandchildren
**Rebecca P.** & John T. Santos, Children/spouse and Grandchildren
**Brenda DLC Pangelinan** & Peter Trinidad, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
**Hilarion (Leeroy) DLC** & Vera T. Pangelinan, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
**Janel Remy DLC. Pangelinan**

**Reared Children:**
Joaquin V. & Esther A. Deleon Guerrero, Children/spouses and Grandchildren
Maria P. & John Ligmaw, Children/spouses and Grandchildren

**Sister/Brother in-law:** Ana D. Cruz & Juan C. Arriola

**Sisters/Brother In-Law:**
Victoria P. Concepcion
Emilia P. Palacios
Carmen P. & Joey Dela Cerna
Maria Rios Dela Cruz

***She will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.***

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Thank You – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

**Hilarion Reyes Pangelinan, Children and Family**

# Science & Technology

# Microsoft releasing Windows 8.1, a year in making

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Microsoft is releasing its long-awaited Windows 8.1 upgrade as a free download starting Thursday. It addresses some of the gripes people have had with Windows 8, the dramatically different operating system that attempts to bridge the divide between tablets and PCs.

Windows 8.1 still features the dual worlds that Windows 8 created when it came out last October. On one hand, it features a touch-enabled tile interface resembling what's found in tablet computers. On the other, there's the old desktop mode where the keyboard and mouse still reign. The update adds some new finger- and gesture-friendly shortcuts for touch-based apps, while restoring some respect for the desktop mode that a billion PC users have become accustomed to.

The release comes as sales of traditional desktop and laptop computers continue to decline because consumers are spending money instead on the latest smartphones and tablets. It also comes at a time of transition for Microsoft as the Redmond, Wash., company focuses on devices and services, not just software. Earlier this month, Microsoft struck a deal to acquire Nokia's phone business and patent rights for more than $7 billion. Microsoft is also searching for a new CEO to replace Steven A. Ballmer, who announced last month that he plans to retire within the next year.

The Window 8.1 update is free for current owners of Windows 8. It's available starting at 7 a.m. Thursday in New York, which corresponds to the start of Friday in New Zealand. Simply go to the Windows Store app to find it. It may take a few hours for updates to reach everyone. Computers with Windows 8.1 already installed will go on sale Friday local time. That's also when people will be able to buy stand-alone copies of Windows 8.1.

The changes range from the cosmetic to improved functionality:

This Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013 image shows a pre-release version of Windows 8.1 on a tablet in Los Angeles. AP

## RESTORING RESPECT FOR THE DESKTOP

START ME UP—The Start button is back in desktop mode, although not the way it was before Windows 8 came along. In Windows 7 and before, a click on Start would have brought up programs and important folders in a list. Now, one tap on Start flips you back to the new tile interface, where you can click or tap tiles to open programs. A long press brings up crucial settings such as the Control Panel.

BOOT TO DESKTOP—You can now start up the machine in desktop mode, bypassing the tiles for a short time. That removes some of the headache for companies that want to use Windows 8 but don't want to buy a touch-screen monitor for every employee.

## TOUCH AND GESTURE UPDATES

ONSCREEN KEYBOARD SWIPES—The onscreen keyboard now includes the ability to type numbers or punctuation marks by swiping up or away from certain keys on the standard "QWERTY" layout, eliminating the need to toggle between numeric and alphabetic layouts. You can also select from suggested words midstream using side swipes and taps on the virtual spacebar.

GESTURE-ENABLED APPS—You can now wave in the air in front of the front-facing camera to get a response. For example, in the new app Bing Food & Drink, a right-to-left wave in "Hands Free Mode" flips through pages of a recipe.

QUICKER TILE ORGANIZING—You can tap and hold Windows tiles with your finger to move them. Another couple taps will allow you to resize them in one of four sizes. In the previous version, you had to go back to the mouse or touchpad and right-click on tiles to do this, and you were limited to two sizes.

EASIER APPS ACCESS—Finding all your apps takes just a swipe up on your start screen, as long as you don't do it from beyond the bottom edge. Before, you had to swipe up from the bottom edge, then tap on the All Apps button.

## SMALL CONVENIENCES

AUTOMATIC UPDATES—Apps update in the background, replacing the constant reminders to go to the Windows Store to update the apps yourself.

SMALLER TABLETS—Windows 8.1 now has a home screen that looks good in portrait mode on screens measuring 7 inches to 8 inches diagonally.

LOCK SCREEN ACCESS—You can now answer Skype calls or take photos from the lock screen without having to log in. Just swipe down. You can also set other apps like Twitter to send notifications when the screen is locked.

## FUNCTIONAL CHANGES

BETTER MULTITASKING—In Windows 8.1, you can run up to four apps at once side by side, double the previous amount, though you need a large, high-resolution monitor to do so (On their own, Microsoft's Surface tablets are not big enough for more than two). You can resize panes using a slider that moves side to side, instead of being limited to one larger window and one slender one. This is still not as capable as Windows 7 or in desktop mode, where you can open dozens of items in windows that can be resized horizontally, vertically and diagonally. And many app makers have yet to adapt, meaning some apps still appear as a thin sliver, even if you want them to take up half the screen.

GLOBAL SEARCH—Typing while on the tile-based start screen will pull up multiple search results—if applicable—from your computer, the Web and the Windows app store. If you're searching for a musician, you'll see a list of popular songs you can play using Xbox Music, and if it's someone famous (like President Barack Obama) you'll see biographical details, videos and other information. Before, you had to choose where to search: in apps, settings, computer files or on the Internet.

EMAIL UPDATE—The standard-issue Mail app now has a "power pane" on left-hand side with folders for updates from social networks like Facebook, messages from favorite contacts and newsletters. Some of these features work only with Microsoft accounts such as Hotmail and Outlook.com, though. A new "sweep" command deletes multiple messages with a couple taps.

BETTER BROWSING—No longer are you limited to 10 open tabs in the tile version of Internet Explorer. Before, Web pages automatically closed without prompts when you try to open more. You can open as many as you want now. Better yet, you can have two different websites displayed side by side, the way you've long been able to before Windows 8 came along.

## FUN STUFF

XBOX MUSIC REFRESH—The music streaming app now optimizes playback over discovery with a layout that has more lists and smaller photos. It also adds the ability to create playlists from any website with a couple taps. When on a website featuring artists, swipe in from the right edge and tap the Share button followed by the Music button. It will create a song playlist based on those artists, which you can then stream for free.

PICTURE EDITING—A picture editor with pre-set effects comes with the update, allowing for photo touchups, cropping, contrast changes and other features.

XBOX ONE INTEGRATION—You can pick up where you left off if you start playing a video purchased on Xbox Video on a tablet and then watch the rest on Microsoft's upcoming game console, Xbox One.


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# Life & Style

## Ex-Marcos aide on trial in case of Monet work

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A debt-ridden onetime aide to Imelda Marcos wrongly sold a hidden treasure: a $32 million Monet painting the former Philippine first lady had acquired and her country wants back, prosecutors said Wednesday as the ex-assistant's conspiracy trial opened.

In a New York courtroom, Vilma Bautista is facing charges that invoke the tangled history of Philippine officials' efforts to reclaim items from Marcos and her late husband, former President Ferdinand Marcos.

Bautista is accused of scheming to sell the artwork—part of the French Impressionist's famed "Water Lilies" series—and trying to peddle other valuable paintings that prosecutors say she had no right to sell. The artwork vanished amid Ferdinand Marcos' 1986 ouster, ended up in Bautista's hands and is part of a multibillion-dollar roster of property the Philippines claims the Marcoses acquired with the nation's cash, prosecutors said.

But for all the art-world intricacies and Philippine politics, "at bottom, this case is really quite simple—it's about greed and fraud," Manhattan Assistant District Attorney Garrett Lynch told jurors in an opening statement.

The defense said Bautista believed that Imelda Marcos rightfully owned the paintings and that Bautista had authority to sell them for her. Bautista is just an intermediary who got caught up in a decades-long dispute between a nation and its former leader, attorney Susan Hoffinger said.

"That battle doesn't belong here" in a Manhattan criminal courtroom, Hoffinger said in her opening.

After ruling the Philippines with an iron fist for two decades, Ferdinand Marcos was forced by a "people power" revolt into exile in Hawaii. He died three years later.

Philippine officials say Marcos and his associates looted the country's treasury to amass between $5 billion and $10 billion. The nation's Presidential Commission on Good Government has seized a number of companies, bank accounts and other assets suspected of being part of that wealth. The Marcoses denied their wealth was ill-gotten.

With a massive collection of shoes, Imelda Marcos became a symbol of excess. But she has emerged relatively unscathed from hundreds of legal cases against her and her late husband, and she is now a congresswoman in the Philippines.

She's not expected to testify at Bautista's trial.

Bautista was a foreign service officer assigned to the Philippine Mission to the United Nations and later served as Imelda Marcos' New York-based personal secretary.

By 2009, Bautista was deep in debt. She began looking to sell four paintings the Marcoses had acquired during the presidency—including Monet's 1899 "Le Bassin aux Nymphease," also known as "Japanese Footbridge Over the Water-Lily Pond at Giverny," prosecutors said.

Bautista ultimately sold the water lily painting for $32 million to a Swiss buyer, Lynch said. Some proceeds went to Bautista's relatives and associates and to debts; $15 million stayed in her bank accounts, while Imelda Marcos knew nothing of the sale, the prosecutor said.

Bautista had a 1991 "certificate of authority" from Marcos to sell the painting and receive the proceeds, the defense emphasized; prosecutors question its legitimacy. At the time, the work was not on the Philippines' list of allegedly missing paintings, though the government now seeks its return.

Bautista's lawyer said the aide sold the painting for Marcos but never had a chance to give her the money.

## Firefighters serenade Judi Dench in London

**LONDON** (AP)—Judi Dench has been serenaded by firefighters as she arrived for the London premiere of her latest film.

Dench walked the red carpet in Leicester Square Wednesday for the London Film Festival screening of "Philomena."

The movie tells the true story of Irishwoman Philomena Lee's quest to track down the son she was forced to give up for adoption 50 years earlier.

Members of the Fire Brigades Union, drinking at a pub after a protest march against pension cuts, spotted the 78-year-old star, chanted "We love you Judi" and broke into a rendition of Beatles song "Hey Jude."

The Stephen Frears-directed film also stars Steve Coogan as Martin Sixsmith, a journalist who helped Lee in her search and wrote a book about her story.

AP

British actors Steve Coogan and Dame Judi Dench pose together during the red carpet arrivals for the screening of Philomena, as part of the 57th BFI London Film Festival, at a central London cinema, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013.

## Pynchon, Lahiri finalists for National Book Awards

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Thomas Pynchon, Jhumpa Lahiri and George Saunders were among the finalists Wednesday for the National Book Awards.

A month after releasing longlists of 10 in each of the four competitive categories, the National Book Foundation announced the five remaining writers for fiction, nonfiction, poetry and young people's literature.

Winners receive $10,000 and will be announced at a dinner ceremony in Manhattan on Nov. 20.

All five fiction nominees are well established, from Pynchon, whose "Bleeding Edge" is set in Manhattan around the time of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks; to Lahiri, whose "The Lowland" was a Booker finalist; to Saunders, whose "Tenth of December" was the rare short-story collection to make-best seller lists. The other finalists are Rachel Kushner, nominated for her highly praised "The Flamethrowers," and James McBride, known to millions for "The Color of Water" and a finalist for "The Good Lord Bird."

The nonfiction list features three books by New Yorker staff writers: Lawrence Wright's Scientology investigation "Going Clear"; George Packer's dire account of contemporary America, "The Unwinding"; and Jill Lepore's biography of Benjamin Franklin's sister, Jane Franklin, "The Book of Ages." Also nominated for nonfiction are Wendy Lower's "Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields" and Alan Taylor's "The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832."

## Aretha: Side effects 'were rough,' glad to work

**SOUTHFIELD, Mich.** (AP)—Aretha Franklin says "the side effects were rough" from her treatment for an undisclosed condition.

The 71-year-old singer sat at a piano Wednesday inside a Westin hotel in the Detroit suburb of Southfield. She sang Etta James' "At Last" and told reporters she's "glad to be back in it"—a reference to her music.

The Detroit News reports she's starting on a new album with producers Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds and Don Was.

Franklin says she and Edmonds were supposed to team up in July, but couldn't because of her medical treatments. She says it was music executive Clive Davis who suggested she collaborate with Was, known for his work with the Rolling Stones, Bonnie Raitt and Willie Nelson.

Franklin canceled several concerts earlier this year for health reasons.

## Siblings are hurt by discovery that grandpa plays favorites

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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**DEAR ABBY**: My sisters and I just realized after comparing notes that our grandfather, who has been giving us an allowance for many years, gives each of us a different amount. We don't understand why he would do that unless he is playing favorites. Mom says it's because he's allowed to give each of us a certain amount per year for tax purposes, but it still doesn't explain why the amounts are all different.

We are a year apart in age, and the differences are substantial. Mom said Grandpa does this with her brothers and sisters, too.

Why wouldn't he give each of us the same amount so that it doesn't cause hard feelings? I know it's his money to do with as he pleases and we're lucky to get any at all, but knowing this has caused hurt feelings. We don't feel comfortable asking him, but we'd like to understand. What can we do?

LACKING "WHY"

**DEAR LACKING "WHY": Having never met your grandfather, I can't speculate about what his motives might be. While it's not a good idea to look a gift-grandpa in the mouth, the only way you're going to get the answers you and your sisters are looking for would be to ask him. However, if you do, make sure to phrase the question in a non-confrontational way—and be prepared for whatever his answer might be.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: I am the 49-year-old single dad of an incredible 7-year-old daughter. I have been separated from her mother for four years. Since that time my ex has had a few relationships, one of which produced another child.

Three months ago she met a new man and has decided to get married, even though their courtship has been brief. I'm trying to minimize the impact on our daughter, but everything I say to my ex comes across as toxic. Any suggestions?

CONFLICTED FATHER IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

**DEAR CONFLICTED FATHER: There is nothing you can do to control your ex's behavior. But you are right to try to minimize the impact on your little girl. Do not allow her to be caught in the crossfire of your anger and her mom's defensiveness. While I, too, question your ex's judgment in marrying someone she has known for only a short time, there is nothing to be gained by "spewing toxin."**

**In your interactions with your ex, think before you speak, count to 10 to mellow your tone and focus on the fact that YOU are the stabilizing force in your child's life. It's your job to remain strong and steady.**

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**DEAR ABBY**: I recently broke up with a man I had dated for more than two years. While we were together he gave me many gifts of jewelry.

Yesterday when I was dressing to go out, I started to put on a necklace that went with my outfit, then hesitated because it had been a gift from him. I knew I'd be seeing him that evening and that I would be meeting his new girlfriend.

Would it have been OK to wear the necklace? Most of the things he gave me were animal-related because he knew I love animals. If someone asks me where I got it, as they often do, what should I say? I don't want to jeopardize the friendship we have or my potential friendship with his girlfriend.

MIXED UP IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR MIXED UP: An appropriate answer would be, "It was given to me by a friend." Your question implies that you decided against wearing the necklace that day, and I think you used good judgment.**

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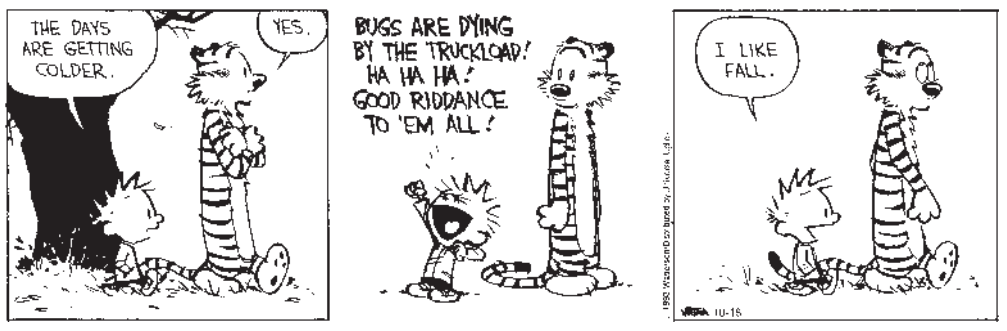
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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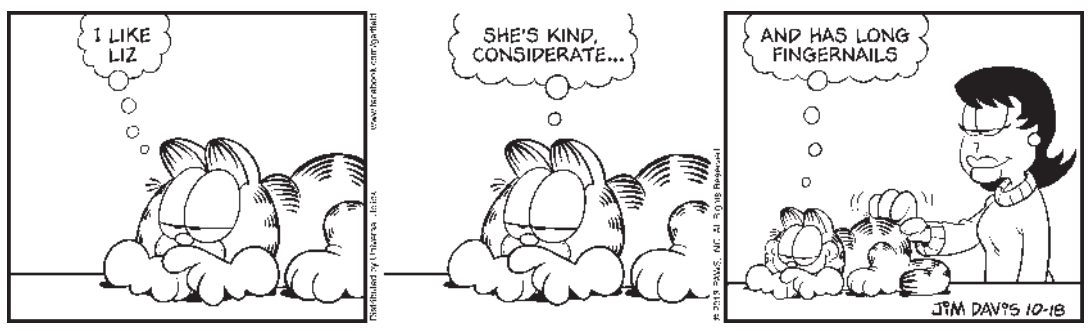
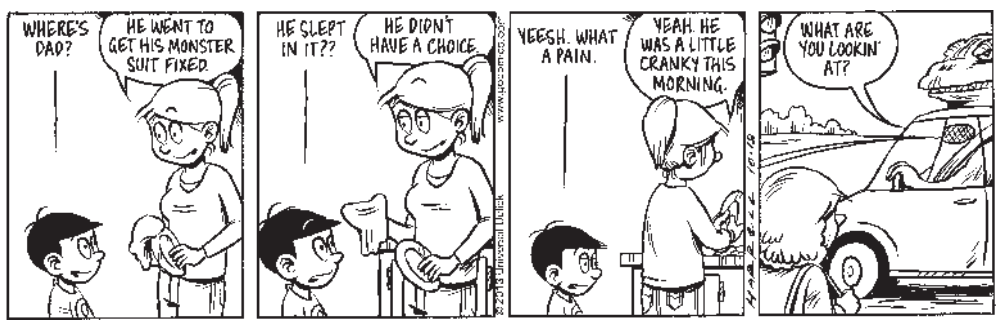



## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


WHERE'S DAD?
HE WENT TO GET HIS MONSTER SUIT FIXED.
HE SLEPT IN IT??
HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE.
YEESH. WHAT A PAIN.
YEAH. HE WAS A LITTLE CRANKY THIS MORNING.
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKIN' AT?
10-18

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
1 Equi-
4 Schlep
8 Genie's home
12 Valentine shorthand
13 Top-notch
14 Bread spread
15 Annul
17 Labor
18 Money of Cambodia
19 Irk
20 "The Maltese Falcon" actress Mary
22 MPs' quarry
24 Move like a butterfly
25 Absolute ruler
29 Aries
30 Say something
31 Cross-word clue abbr.
32 Flip
34 Michael of "Arrested Development"
35 Expel
36 Shake-speare's Kate, e.g.
37 Was willing to
40 Dr. McGraw
41 "— do for now"
42 Chester-field or ulster
46 Baseball team
47 Anger
48 Have bills
49 Cicatrix
50 Sent back (Abbr.)
51 Barbie's friend

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10 Griffin of TV lore
11 Jab
16 Urban distur-bance
19 Pig meat
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22 Dodge
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Yesterday's answer 10-18

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**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Consistency will be the key to getting things done and avoiding criticism. An emotional issue will crop up with someone you are in a partnership with. Try not to overreact, or you may face strong opposition. Make love, not war. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Get whatever you have to say out in the open or you may be accused of withholding information. Face any opposition head-on and you will rectify any problems you face and impress someone you respect. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): You have to make things happen and be a generous giver in order to get back. Don't be fooled by someone trying to manipulate a situation or using emotional blackmail. Focus on what you want and what you have to offer. ✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Negativity will not lead to success. A change someone makes may not be to your liking, but you are best to concentrate on your skills, knowledge and experience and how you can best use these qualities to get ahead. ✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Plan to travel or visit someone you haven't seen in a while. Focus on fun, entertainment and romance. Doing something that will make you feel good about yourself or improve the way you look will add to your confidence. ✪✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You could be feeling the financial squeeze after overspending on a frivolous but well-intentioned venture. Lending or borrowing will cause you grief and stress. Offer suggestions, not financial assistance. Volunteer your time, not your cash. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Back away from unpredictable individuals. Uncertainty will tie up your time and hold you back. Make your decisions based on facts and don't look back. Don't cave or give in to pressure. Put more time into a friendship or cultivate a romantic relationship. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You'll be right on target when it comes to how to best use your skills to advance. Reunite with someone you have worked with in the past and you will find a new way to collaborate. A change in style or appearance could boost your visibility. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Travel plans can lead to delays or unexpected mishaps. Caution must be taken when dealing with situations that have the potential to be confusing or unpredictable. Making alterations to your living arrangements or quarters will be beneficial. ✪✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Use common sense and business savvy when it comes to closing a deal. Taking on added responsibilities will be difficult, but also bring you one step closer to your long-term goal. An emotional situation should be handled carefully. ✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Consider past mistakes and you'll avoid facing similar problems. Making adjustments to how you earn a living or handle money will benefit you in the future. Saving now will ensure that you get what you really want later. ✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Do your own fact-finding. Someone is likely to lead you astray. Don't trust the competition or anyone who is prying into your activities or your plans for the future. Expand your activities to suit your needs and financial goals. ✪✪✪

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**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/18

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**'WORLD WAR Z'** **Solution: 8 letters**

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# Jackson leads revamped Detroit lineup to 7-3 win

**DETROIT (AP)**—Jim Leyland dropped Austin Jackson to eighth in the batting order, hoping to relax the slumping Detroit outfielder.

So naturally, Jackson's first plate appearance came with the bases loaded. After drawing a four-pitch walk to force in a run, he finally felt a little more at ease.

A revitalized Jackson delivered in Leyland's revamped lineup as the Tigers built a big lead and held on this time, beating the Boston Red Sox 7-3 Wednesday night to even the AL championship series 2-all. Detroit scored five runs in the second inning, the first coming home on Jackson's walk.

"It was a big situation right there to try to get something done," Jackson said. "I think after I'd seen a couple of pitches I was able to kind of just take some deep breaths and relax a little bit - and not worry so much about the result, just try to get a good pitch."

Jackson finished with two singles and two walks. He was 3 for 33 with 18 strikeouts in this postseason before Wednesday.

Torii Hunter had a two-run double and Miguel Cabrera drove in two runs after Leyland moved the slumping Jackson out of the leadoff spot and bumped almost everyone else up a place following the Tigers' 1-0 loss in Game 3. The Detroit manager was quick to deflect credit afterward.

"This has nothing to do with Jim Leyland, this is about the players," Leyland said. "They executed, they came out, they played well."

Jackson's bases-loaded walk off Jake Peavy in the second seemed to be a relief for most of Comerica Park. Another strikeout could have derailed the rally, but instead the Tigers broke the game open.

Doug Fister, meanwhile, provided another fine outing for Detroit. He allowed a run in six innings, and the Tigers' starting pitchers have yielded only three runs in 27 ALCS innings - and struck out 42.

After blowing a 5-0 lead in Game 2, Detroit kept the Red Sox at bay Wednesday.

Game 5 is Thursday night in Detroit. The Tigers' Anibal Sanchez faces Boston's Jon Lester in a rematch of Game 1, which was won by Detroit 1-0.

Jacoby Ellsbury had four hits for the Red Sox on Wednesday, finishing a homer shy of the cycle, but now it's Boston manager John Farrell fielding questions about whether a lineup shakeup is in order after another tough night against Detroit's pitching.

"The one thing that we've maintained is a constant approach with the lineup and not creating further uncertainty," Farrell said. "I think our guys have responded well to that."

The Tigers lost Games 2 and 3, wasting gems by Max Scherzer and Justin Verlander. Leyland left Jackson in the lineup but changed the batting order. Jackson hit eighth, and with others moving up a spot, it made for an odd-looking lineup. Hunter hit leadoff for the first time since 1999 and Cabrera was second for only the third time in his career - first since 2004.

"That was pretty good. He switched things up, kind of shake it up a little bit," Hunter said. "It gave us a different mindset. Miggy hitting second, me leading off. It gave us a different mindset to make things happen."

Leyland indicated his batting order would remain the same in Game 5 - but will he be doing anything special with the lineup card from Wednesday's game?

"I'll throw it away, unless I can sell it to some bar on the way home," he said.

Jackson found himself batting in a crucial situation right away in the second. Peavy walked him to force home the game's first run.

The Red Sox had a chance to halt that rally when Jose Iglesias hit a potential double play grounder to second, but Dustin Pedroia couldn't field it cleanly and Boston had to settle for a forceout at second that brought another run home.

"That was my fault. We've got to turn that double play," Pedroia said. "That ball was smoked. If I catch it, we're getting two."

Hunter followed with a double down the line in left to make it 4-0, and Cabrera added an RBI single.

After walking three batters in the second inning, Peavy was in trouble again in the fourth. After a leadoff double by Omar Infante, Jackson slapped a single past a diving Pedroia to bring home a run.

"It felt good to contribute to a win," Jackson said. "Just get a chance to go out there and not put so much pressure on yourself, just have fun."

Cabrera's single made it 7-0, and the Detroit third baseman —who has been running even slower than usual over the last month or so because of groin problems—caught reliever Brandon Workman and the Boston defense napping when he stole second without a throw.

In the fifth, Cabrera looked healthy enough when he charged Pedroia's slow grounder, barehanded it and threw to first for the out.

Peavy allowed seven runs and five hits in three-plus innings.

Detroit blew a 5-0 lead in Game 2—with the bullpen responsible for most of the damage- and Cabrera and Prince Fielder both struck out with runners at the corners in the eighth inning of Game 3. The tension was building in Motown, but the defending AL champions jumped out to an early lead Wednesday.

David Ortiz's tying grand slam in Game 2 off Detroit closer Joaquin Benoit kept the Tigers from sweeping the first two games at Fenway Park.

Detroit went to Benoit in the ninth Wednesday with a 7-2 lead, and Ellsbury hit an RBI triple with none out. But Benoit struck out Shane Victorino, ensuring that Ortiz wouldn't be able to bat as the tying run later in the inning.

When Ortiz did come up for his rematch with Benoit, there was only one man on. The Boston designated hitter took another mighty swing, but his high fly to right was caught easily.

Detroit had taken a no-hitter into the fifth inning of its previous four games. Pedroia's single in the first put an end to that streak, but the Red Sox didn't do much against Fister.

Boston had a chance to score first in the second. Mike Napoli, whose homer accounted for the only run of Game 3, led off with a double off the tip of Cabrera's glove and went to third on a groundout. Cabrera caught Jarrod Saltalamacchia's foul popup against the railing of the Detroit dugout, and Fister struck out Stephen Drew.

After the Tigers scored five in the second, Boston put two on for Ortiz in the third. He pulled a grounder into Detroit's shifted defense for the third out.

Saltalamacchia hit an RBI single in the sixth, but Fister got out of a two-on, one-out situation after that. The right-hander allowed eight hits and a walk, striking out seven.

Victorino hit an RBI double in the seventh to make it 7-2.

Boston Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia collides with Detroit Tigers' Jose Iglesias as Pedroia tags Iglesias out on double play in the sixth inning during Game 4 of the American League baseball championship series Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013, in Detroit.

# Greinke, Dodgers beat Cardinals to extend NLCS

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—It took the Dodgers five games to hit a home run in the NL championship series. Once Adrian Gonzalez powered up for the first one, their dormant offense broke loose.

Gonzalez homered twice and Zack Greinke came through with the clutch performance Los Angeles needed in a 6-4 victory over the Cardinals on Wednesday that trimmed St. Louis' lead to 3-2 in the best-of-seven playoff.

"Guys weren't ready to lose today," said Carl Crawford, who also went deep to help the Dodgers save their season.

Los Angeles held on in the ninth, when St. Louis scored twice off closer Kenley Jansen before he struck out pinch-hitter Adron Chambers with two on to end it.

The series shifts back to St. Louis for Game 6 on Friday night, with ace Clayton Kershaw scheduled to start for Los Angeles against rookie Michael Wacha.

When those two squared off in Game 2, the Cardinals won 1-0 on an unearned run.

"We've kind of become America's team because everyone wants to see a seventh game," Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said. "Probably even the fans in St. Louis would like to see a seventh game, so I figure that everybody's for us to win on Friday night."

The Cardinals also led last year's NLCS 3-1 before losing three straight games to the eventual World Series champion San Francisco Giants.

"We're looking to do the same thing," Gonzalez said.

Desperate to avoid elimination, the Dodgers brought in some Hollywood star power for pregame introductions. Will Ferrell announced their lineup and lent a comic spin to each player's name, capping it by introducing Greinke as "today's winning pitcher."

Ferrell knew what he was talking about.

Greinke got into a bases-loaded jam with none out in the first but escaped with no damage. From there, he pitched seven strong innings and even delivered an RBI single.

"That was big. I was real nervous out there with that situation," Greinke said.

A.J. Ellis also homered at Dodger Stadium, where it is tougher to clear the fences in the heavy night air.

Helped by playing in 82-degree heat on a sunny afternoon, the Dodgers rediscovered their power stroke just in time to extend the series. They hit .274 in three games at home after batting .184 during the first two games in St. Louis.

"It was just one of those days that we were a little better, got some runs, good feeling," Mattingly said.

The Dodgers regrouped after Greinke squandered an early 2-0 lead just as he did in Game 1, which Los Angeles lost 3-2 in 13 innings on the road.

After neither team homered in the first three games for the first time in NLCS history, the big bats came out. The Cardinals used a two-run homer by Matt Holliday and a solo shot from pinch-hitter Shane Robinson to win 4-2 on Tuesday night.

This time, Gonzalez went 3 for 4 with two solo homers and three runs scored. His two-out shot in the eighth made it 6-2.

"We have a team that can bounce back and do some pretty incredible things out there," he said.

The Cardinals tied it at 2 in the third on Carlos Beltran's RBI triple and Holliday's run-scoring double before Yadier Molina grounded into his second inning-ending double play against Greinke.

"He wasn't as sharp as he was the first time we faced him," Beltran said. "But guys like that, the best guys in the game, they're able to regroup and find a way to help their team win."

Los Angeles answered in the bottom of the third. Mark Ellis singled leading off but was erased when Hanley Ramirez grounded into a double play.

Gonzalez followed with the Dodgers' first homer of the NLCS, slugging the ball an estimated 428 feet into the right-field pavilion for a 3-2 lead.

As he headed toward the dugout, Gonzalez cupped his hands to his ears and wiggled them in a gesture resembling mouse ears. It was an apparent jab at Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright, who said Gonzalez had done "some Mickey Mouse stuff" in celebrating a double on Monday night.

"It's just having fun," Gonzalez said. "I'm going to retire them so they're not talked about once again."

# Fox, Polian chide Irsay for criticizing Manning

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) -- Indianapolis owner Jim Irsay backed down a bit after Broncos coach John Fox and former Colts general manager Bill Polian chided him for comments critical of Peyton Manning.

Fox used his weekly SiriusXM NFL Radio appearance Tuesday to criticize the Colts' owner for sounding ungrateful for all Manning did for his team and city, including winning a Super Bowl in 2007, and Polian used the same platform to say Irsay was wrong in both his facts and opinions.

After a series of tweets defending himself Tuesday night, Irsay took to Twitter on Wednesday to say he meant that if the Colts had given Manning better special teams and defense, they could have won more than one Super Bowl, instead of asking the quarterback to do too much.

He added that he found it hard to see how anyone could misinterpret his comments, but controversy sells, so he understands why people try to stir things up.

In a conference call with Denver media Wednesday, Colts coach Chuck Pagano said Irsay harbors no ill will toward Manning.

"I don't think there's anybody that Mr. Irsay respects and cares for more than Peyton," Pagano said. "What can't you say about Peyton? What he's done for this organization, what he's done for the city, our fans - what he's done for football - it's off the charts. And certainly all I know is that our owner has the utmost respect and love and passion for that guy and always will."

Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning warms up on the sideline before an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys Sunday, Oct. 6,2013, in Arlington, Texas.

Irsay told USA Today in an interview Tuesday that the Colts turned to Andrew Luck two years ago and released Manning rather than pay him a $28 million roster bonus because they were looking for more playoff success.

"We've changed our model a little bit, because we wanted more than one of these," Irsay said, showing his Super Bowl ring. "(Tom) Brady never had consistent numbers, but he has three of these. Pittsburgh had two, the Giants had two, Baltimore had two and we had one.

"That leaves you frustrated. You make the playoffs 11 times, and you're out in the first round seven out of 11 times. You love to have the `Star Wars' numbers from Peyton and Marvin (Harrison) and Reggie (Wayne). Mostly, you love this," Irsay added, showing his ring again, according to the newspaper.

Those comments were similar to the ones Irsay made in an interview with The Associated Press last summer, when the Colts owner said his only regrets about releasing Manning were that he wanted the star quarterback to throw his final pass as a Colt and he wished Manning had departed with more than one Super Bowl ring.

So, instead of relying on the high-charged offense Manning directed, Irsay said the team's future February celebrations would come more frequently if the Colts ran a more balanced offense and divided the budget more evenly between the offensive and defensive players.

Irsay's latest verbal barrage, coming as it did this week, created quite a buzz.

Fox normally isn't one to criticize anyone in public, but Irsay's comments clearly struck a nerve.

"I thought it was a bit of a cheap shot," Fox said on SiriusXM. "In my opinion, they were disappointing and inappropriate. You know, Peyton would never say anything because he's too classy to do that.

"They sounded a little ungrateful and unappreciative to me for a guy that's set a standard, won a Super Bowl, won division titles, won four MVP awards, and I'd be thankful for that one Super Bowl ring because a lot of people don't have one."

Polian fired back at his old boss, saying Irsay had it wrong.

"For one thing, I don't believe that Baltimore had two at the time that we were fired, all of us, Peyton, me and the rest of the staff, (coach) Jim Caldwell at the end of the `11 season," Polian said.

# Ariza picks Rios over Pacquiao

Boxing legend George Foreman, center, raises the arms of Manny Pacquiao, left, and Brandon Rios during a promotional tour in Macau early this year.

BOXING

Alex Ariza, the former strength coach for Manny Pacquiao (54-5-2, 38 KO's), is picking Brandon Rios (31-1-1, 23 KO's) to beat Pacquiao next month in their fight in Macau, China, according to a report posted at boxingnews24.com.

Ariza is no longer working with Pacquiao after being let go by his trainer Freddie Roach. Ariza is now Rios's strength and conditioning coach, and he's seen enough of him in training to predict that he'll beat the soon to be 35-year-old Pacquiao.

Ariza said this to esnewsreporting when asked if Rios will beat Pacquiao: "Yes, I do. I see Brandon Rios beating Manny Pacquiao."

Another knockout loss for Pacquiao will be a crushing blow to his career. You can explain away his loss to Tim Bradley last year as a controversial decision, but you can't ignore it if Pacquiao gets knocked out by Rios. That would mean that he's been knocked out in his last two fights, and it would be a pretty good indication that he should hang up the gloves before he gets seriously hurt.

Getting knocked out cold by Marquez was bad, but to get knocked out for a second time in back to back fights, that's something you can't ignore. I would like to think that Roach would have that long retirement talk with Pacquiao that Roach has talked about doing once he feels that Pacquiao can no longer fight at a high level.

Bob Arum of Top Rank should have put Pacquiao in with a light puncher in his first fight after his KO loss to Juan Manuel Marquez instead of having him fight Rios. This is the type of opponent that Rios does really well against. Pacquiao is kind of similar to past Rios victim Miguel Acosta, and Rios is going to be really eager to test Pacquiao's chin when he gets in there to face him next month. I wouldn't be surprised if Pacquiao caves in quickly from Rios's hard shots.

Pacquiao is reportedly already at 145 lbs. for their fight, and looking in good shape. However, that's outward appearances. It doesn't tell you what's going on inside Pacquiao's brain from his KO loss to Marquez. If thinks aren't back to normal for him, then we could see him knocked out in a brutal fashion by Rios.

Meanwhile, Philippine Daily Inquirer reported that Pacquiao's tummy flab is gone, replaced by solid muscle.

"Bato-bato na (It's stone-like in hardness)," said Filipino trainer Nonoy Neri, referring to Pacquiao's six-pack abs nurtured in just a month of serious training for his welterweight duel with Rios on Nov. 24.

"He achieved this despite eating ravenously," said Neri, conditioning trainer and doubles as Pacquiao's chief cook.

After Pacquiao's morning uphill run and afternoon sparring in General Santos City yesterday, Neri estimated Pacquiao's weight at 145 pounds, just two pounds short of the welterweight limit.

Arriving early at his Wild Card Gym, Pacquiao sparred for seven rounds under the watchful eyes of trainer Freddie Roach, assistant trainer Buboy Fernandez and Neri.

Pacquiao did three rounds with Briton light middleweight Liam Vaughan (8-1, 2 KOs), then added two rounds each with unbeaten Ghanaian welterweight Fredrick Lawson (21-0, 19 KOs) and Filipino light welterweight Dan Nazareno Jr. (17-10, 13 KOs).

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### All Schools X-Country Saturday

Northern Marianas Athletics will have the second leg of its series of All Schools cross country race this Saturday at the Civic Center. Registration starts at 3pm, while races begin at 4pm. U 8 students will run first at 4pm, while U10 participants will have their turn at 4:15pm. The 4:35pm and 5pm start times are for U12 and U14/U18 age groups, respectively.

### Little League meeting today

The Saipan Little League Inc. interim board has scheduled an organization meeting today at 6pm at the pavilion inside the Oleai Sports Complex.

Election of new officers will also be held during the meeting. SLLI will be selecting president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, chief statistician, safety officers, umpire representative, and manager representative.

For more information, contact Ray Yumul at 285-7299.

### 7th Chagi Cup set for Oct. 24

The 7th Chagi Cup Wake Board Competition hosted by J & K Marine Sports will be held on Oct. 24 at the 13 Fisherman starting at 8am to sundown.

Around 30 competitors from Japan and Saipan, including three professional wake boarders from Japan are expected in the tournament. Due to the termination of direct flight from Osaka and Nagoya to Saipan, Chagi Cup has been cancelled since 2009, however, an increasing amount of requests from previous competitors to conduct the tournament led organizers to believe that hosting a wake boarding tournament on Saipan again would actually be good for everyone and the economy of the CNMI.

Organizers have already asked a few Japanese tour agencies to support the event by donating some prizes and water.

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the fifth inning was courtesy of Peter Lieto's RBI single, while three of the squad's four early runs were recorded off the Dodgers' miscues.

The Braves got two runs off the Dodgers' mistakes at the bottom of the third inning to break the deadlock, 4-2. Jerald Cabrera scored the Dodgers' first run at the top of the first off a Jonathan Cabrera single, while Cedric Camacho made the second off Frankie Lieto's error in the second inning. The Braves also lit up the board in the first inning off Evangelista's stolen base, while Frankie Lieto scored in the second off Jonathan Cabrera's booboo.

A Craig Aguon RBI single at the top of the fourth cut the deficit to one, 3-4, and the Braves failed to answer at the bottom before Rogolifoi and Peter Lieto hit their targets in the fifth and gave the team more distance.

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ing scoreless, the Lady Ayuyus finally made it to the board past the halfway mark of the second canto off Maria Angela Iriarte's basket. Kagman went on to play its best offensive game in the second period, as it made 9 points. However, Mt. Carmel still outgunned its foe, 10-9, with Richelle Kautz drilling the team's first 6 points in that frame for their 34-9 advantage. The lead ballooned to 40, 53-13, as Kagman was held to two field goals, while Mt. Carmel scattered 19 markers.

Then in the final canto, baskets fell to fall for the Lady Ayuyus, while the Lady Knights continued to get points from their starters to complete the demolition.

Kagman was also off in its 12-72 loss to the Dolphins on Oct. 11, as the former went scoreless in the first two periods. The defending champions showed no mercy against the hapless Kagman, pouring points in the first half for a huge 45-0 lead.

The Lady Ayuyus broke the long spell in the opening minutes of the third off Trina Lyn Santo's split free throw, but still Kagman lost by a big margin, as its players were no match to the Lady Dolphins gunners.

Jeraldine Castillo paced MHS with her 19 points, while Negahr Rastguiy added 18. Kyla Ito and Mikayla Lopez also finished in twin digits with 11 and 10 markers, respectively.

Meanwhile, Marianas Baptist Academy and Saipan Southern High School kicked off this week's action in the MISO caging with the Lady Rays whipping the Stormz in the junior varsity game yesterday, 52-6.

### First Game

**MCS 65** – Lebria 16, Travilla 14, Reyes 12, M. Kautz 10, R. Kautz 8.

**KHS 13** – Olaitiman 5, J. Santos 4, J. Palacios 2, Iriarte 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 24-0, 34-9, 53-13, 65-13.

### Second Game

**MHS 72** – Castillo 19, Rastguiy 18, Ito 11, Lopez 10, Pablo 4, Gatchalian 4, Reyes 2.

**KHS 12** – J. Santos 4, Ngirausui 3, Lizama 2, Iriarte 2. T. Santos 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 29-0, 45-0, 51-5, 72-12.

## OMECHELANG

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ed in 154, 171, and 187 in the first three games for an average of 176.50 pinfalls.

Eventual runner-up Elena Soll led Omechelang after three games, 561-512, but fell to second after a meltdown in Game 4 (140 pinfalls). Soll was one of the only two bowlers in the women's field to score at least 200 pinfalls with her 208 in Game 3 and adding her 161 and 192 in the first two games, she registered an average of 175.25 pinfalls and just five pinfall short of matching Omechelang's record.

September winner Hea Jin Su also joined last Saturday's roll-off and finished third with her 659 pinfalls in four games. Su was the other participant in the women's field to nail at least 200 pinfalls with her 212 in Game 4 and she averaged 164.75 pinfalls after collecting 123, 150, and 174 in the first three games.

The eventual Top 3 finishers also joined the last day of the tournament, but Su failed to eclipse Omechelang and Soll's records, as the former earned only 669 pinfalls last Sunday to settle for another third place finish. Soll had a fifth-best 653 pinfalls last Sunday, while Omechelang knocked down 642 pins in the second day of the roll-offs.

With Omechelang getting her second monthly victory, she became only the second female bowler to win more than once this season. Yho Villavicencio was the first one, ruling the January, February, and June editions of the monthly competition.

Other keglers who joined the October tournament were Diane Chong (645), Villavicencio (634), Tess Fabie (633), Kathy Mersai (623), Ron Cal (619), Cynthia Gugulan (596), Gigi Zapanta (546), Cecilia Puserio (559), and Marie Candado (512).

# Kautz claims SGA September Ace

Rick Kautz topped the Saipan Golfers' Association September Ace of the Month Tournament held on Sept. 15 on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

The 6-handicapper Kautz shot a 40 and 39 on the front and back nines for a net 73 and a one stroke win over Juan L. Babauta. Babauta carded a 41 in the first nine holes and 45 in the last and deducting his 12 handicap, he ended up with a net 74.

Joining Kautz and Babauta in the Top 3 was Steve Balakrishna, who recorded a net 79, built from a 42 on the front and 43 from the back nine for a gross 86.

Besides ruling last month's SGA tournament, Kautz also won closest to the pin contests on hole Nos. 3, 13, and 17, while James Wang prevailed on hole No. 7. Kautz took the longest drive honors, too, achieving the feat on hole No. 2, while Edward Sablan won on hole No. 12.

Meanwhile, SGA will have its October Ace of the Month Tournament this Sunday on the east course of Laolao Bay . Show time is at 9am, while tee off is set for 10am. ***(PR)***

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Rick Kautz, seen here watching his shot during a local tournament, won the SGA September Ace.

# Delta Air Lines supports Hell of the Marianas

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Delta Air Lines' Chris Concepcion, center, presents the ceremonial ticket donation to Hell of Marianas race director Kanae Quinn, left, and Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation president Vince Seman during a brief turnover rites last week.

Delta Air Lines is the newest sponsor of the upcoming 2013 Hell of the Marianas.

Delta Air Line's Chris Concepcion announced that his company will be contributing a roundtrip economy ticket to Japan as well as logo gift items to the 100-kilometer race that will hit the road on Dec. 7. Delta Air Lines, a supportive corporate citizen, services the twice daily Saipan-Narita route.

This year's Hell of Marianas is expected to draw more than 100 on and off-island bikers, including defending champions Jack Anderson and Jodie Willett of Australia and seven-time XTERRA Saipan winner Renata Bucher

Registration is on-going and will last until Nov. 30. Bikers can enter either in the pro or amateur categories in the solo division . The race is also open for both road and MTB bikers and will have five age group categories (in solo): 14 to 25, 26 to 35, 37 to 45, 46 to 55, and 56-and-over. Entrance fee is only $60 for solo, $120 for a two-man team, and $240 for four-man team.

The pros will fight for the cash prizes in the open road bike category. The top finisher in the men's and women's divisions will get $1,000, while $500 and $250 will go to the second and third placers, respectively. Amateur bikers in the solo road bike will bring home prizes, too with the first placer earning $300 and the second and third getting $200 and $100. Organizers and event sponsors will also give away special prizes to the Best in Costume, Best Corporate 4-person relay, and to the biker who can guess his time right.

Meanwhile, besides Delta Air Lines, other companies supporting the around the island race include Title Sponsors DFS and PTC (Miller Lite, Sunkist); Platinum Sponsors Mariana Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, IT&E, PIC, Triple J Wholesale/Hertz/Triple J Enterprises; Gold Sponsors Bridge Capital LLC, Island Training Solutions, Gold's Gym, Delta Air Lines; Silver Sponsors Asiana Airlines, Chong's Corporation, Marianas Trekking, Seafix Inc., Sorensen Media Group (Power 99), Taro Sue Store, Bike Box, Progressive Coaching Systems; Bronze Sponsors Brabu Pharmacy, D&Q Saipan, Hard Rock Café Saipan, Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort, Revolving Restaurant 360, Saipan Submarine, Star Sands Plaza, Stars & Stripes, Tinian Dynasty & Casino, Made in Saipan Gift Shop, Coral Ocean Point and SUP Saipan.

Sponsors and volunteers are still welcome. For more information, contact Quinn at 285-1168. ***(PR)***

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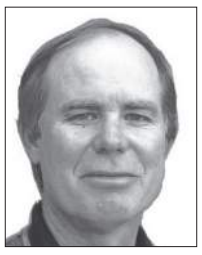

# Broncos have no reason to apologize

Jacksonville was never going to be too much of a problem, except for those who love favorites and bet on the Denver Broncos against the biggest underdog in NFL history.

The bookies in Vegas were always a bit uncomfortable about the 27-point spread, though even they wouldn't have given odds that the Broncos would be reduced to pulling off a fake punt in the third quarter to get separation from a team that was supposed to have been blown off the field by halftime.

The problem with expectations is that they sometimes get too high to meet, even if you're Peyton Manning and seemingly can do no wrong. On Sunday, he did a lot wrong, fumbling twice and throwing a pick-6 that helped the winless Jaguars remain competitive even if they were never in any danger of actually winning.

The end result was a 35-19 victory that satisfied neither Denver's fans nor the bettors who have profited so far this year on the Broncos' bandwagon. It should also give pause to those so caught up in Manning's big start that they were beginning to look deep into the schedule to see what teams might be in the way of an undefeated season.

They don't need to look far. The Broncos travel to Indianapolis next weekend to face Manning's old team in a game that will tell us a lot more about Denver than anything that happened Sunday in Denver.

"People tell me it looks easy. There's nothing about it that's easy," Denver coach John Fox said. "There is resistance out there. It's called the other team."

The bookies still expect Denver to win, making the Broncos a 5 1/2-point favorite against the Colts. They should also be favored in all their remaining games, especially with Von Miller, the key to their defense, coming back off suspension against Indy.

But the odds are they're not going to run the table. There will be times when they struggle, even if their fans have such high expectations that some actually booed the Broncos as they left the field with a 14-12 halftime lead.

"We've got high expectations, too," receiver Wes Welker said about the boos. "We understand it. We almost appreciate it. We've got to get into gear."

Indeed, the Broncos are victims somewhat of a remarkable start in which they averaged 46 points a game and topped 50 points their last two games before Sunday. The fact that they had to apologize for beating a fellow NFL team by more than two touchdowns was almost laughable, though apologize they did.

"It was good enough today but it's not good enough to win games down the road," said Knowshon Moreno, who had three second-half touchdown runs.

It won't be good enough to win at Indianapolis, that's for sure. Manning's return to the city he once owned will be the story line, but the Colts are a surprisingly good team with wins over the Seahawks and 49ers this season.

But while the Broncos were far from impressive against the Jags, it's hard to fault a team for scoring 35 points and winning by 16. They may have set the bar too high, but coming off a tremendous shootout against Dallas last week and with Indianapolis up next, this was a game where they didn't have to be razor sharp.

Don't forget, too, that while the Broncos are favored to win the Super Bowl, this was the Super Bowl for Jacksonville.

Yes, they may have been a tad overconfident against the hapless Jags. But it's a good bet they won't make the same mistake when it really counts.

"Three turnovers was tough and then had some things that just didn't execute as well," Manning said. "But some good things as well that we can learn from."

Manning called the win a good one over a team that isn't as bad as everyone thought. He said all the talk about the huge point spread motivated Jacksonville, and that he and his teammates didn't execute well most of the game.

The Broncos have gone an entire year without losing a regular-season game, dating to Oct. 7, 2012. That the streak could end at any time is something Manning understands better than most.

"It's not that easy to win football games," he said. "I learned early to never take winning for granted."

Not in the NFL. Not even against Jacksonville.

A win is a win, and Manning and the Broncos have nothing to apologize about.

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# Braves vs Padres in Triple A finals

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The Braves punched the last ticket to the finals of the 2nd Annual DYS/Triple A Youth Baseball League after eliminating the Dodgers, 8-6, in a playoff game last Tuesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Braves will be challenging the pennant champions Padres in a winner-take-all finale that will be played this weekend, weather permitting.

Z.E. Lifoifoi helped the Braves avoid the upset axe of the Dodgers, who took the final playoff berth after beating the Tigers and the Yankees in the tiebreak and stunning the Giants in the first round of the playoffs. He closed out for the Braves, pitching 1.2 innings and allowing no hit to foil the Dodgers' comeback bid.

The Braves ace pitcher came in for Kody Kaipat at the top of the sixth inning after the Dodgers were threatening a comeback, scoring three runs to move within one, 6-7, with only one out and runners on first and second base. Lifoifoi then got the second out, striking out Brian Camacho, while first baseman Ian Rogolifoi caught a fly ball from Jonathan Cabrera for the third out, stranding Dodgers runners at third and second.

Ahead by only one, catcher and leadoff batter Frankie Lieto gave the Braves more breathing room, 8-6, when we walked and made it all the way home off the Dodgers' successive errors at the bottom of the sixth. The Braves' next three batters were beaten to first and struck out, keeping the Dodgers' finals bid alive.

Nathan Camacho led off for the Dodgers at the top of the last inning and flied out. Lifoifoi then moved the Braves one out away from the finals when he picked up a grounder from Steven Cabrera and threw to Rogolifoi for the second out. Rogolifoi then caught A.J. Evangelista's throw from second base and tagged Cedric Camacho out to hand the Braves the second and last finals seat.

Besides playing steady defense at first base, Rogolifoi also contributed on offense for the Braves. His two-run single at the bottom of the fifth inning gave his team more cushion, as they turned a shaky 4-3 advantage to a 7-3 lead. The Braves' other run in

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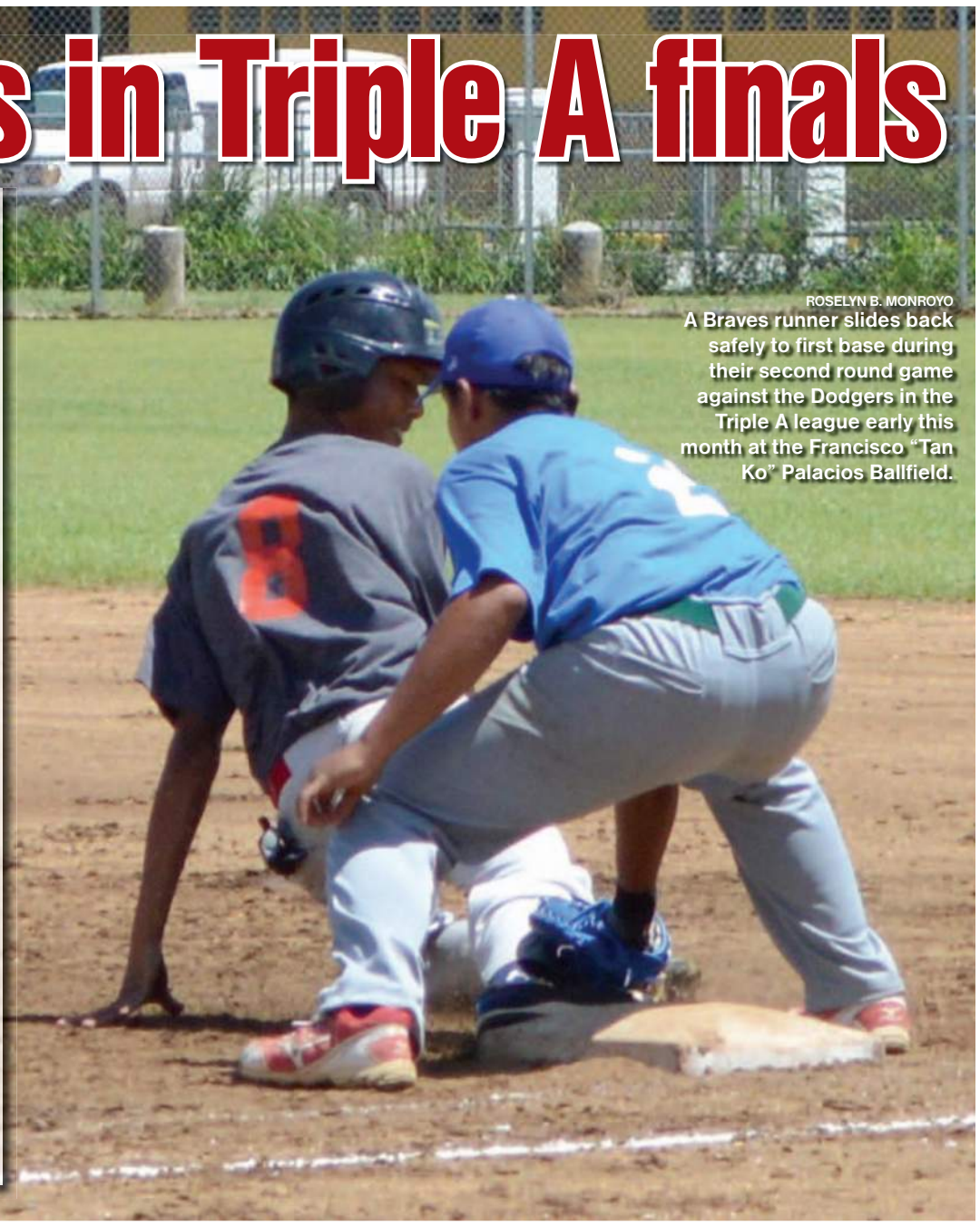
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A Braves runner slides back safely to first base during their second round game against the Dodgers in the Triple A league early this month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

# Lady Knights, Dolphins ease past Ayuyus

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Marianas High School's Gabrielle Race is hounded by a Kagman High School defender during the first quarter of their varsity game in the MISO caging last weekend at the MHS Gymnasium.

Marianas High School and Mt. Carmel School proved to be too much for Kagman High School as the Lady Dolphins and Lady Knights clobbered the Lady Ayuyus in the varsity games in the 2013-2014 MISO Girls Basketball League last week at the MHS Gymnasium.

Mt. Carmel and Kagman met on Oct. 10 and the former coasted to a 65-13 victory after holding the Lady Ayuyus scoreless in the first and last quarter.

The Lady Knights built a commanding 24-0 lead after the opening period en route to their first win of the season. Mt. Carmel dropped its debut against the defending champions Dolphins, 43-54, despite leading the match most of the way.

Against Kagman, the Lady Knights made sure the Lady Ayuyus would not be able to recover, as Mt. Carmel dominated the match from start to finish. Karleen Reyes, Jan Travilla and Kaylani Lebria scored 6 points apiece in the first quarter for the early double digit lead.

After more than 10 minutes of go-

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# Omechelang takes October tiara

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Gloria Omechelang gained her second monthly plum in the Saipan Bowling Association Budweiser Queen of the Lanes Tournament after winning the October roll-offs last weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Omechelang, who topped the May tournament, competed in both days of the October event with her Saturday total of 706 pinfalls besting 11 other keglers who joined the two-day tournament. Omechelang took the lead after Day 1 after closing out the first day of the event with 194 pinfalls. She record-

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October roll-offs winner Gloria Omechelang is flanked by runners-up Elena Soll, left, and Hea Jin Su during the awards ceremony for the SBA/Budweiser monthly tournament last weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.